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SOME SHUCKERS . . . You can say that again! These three proved to be the fastest corn shucking and shellers in their division Saturday night at the first annuual Hondo World Championship Corn Shucking and Shelling contest. Winners include: Men -- Charles Halbadier, right, 2:40.4; Women -- Mrs. Milton [Lillie] Heyen, 1:46.5; and Young People -- Chris Heyen, 1:58.5. The three will take on challengers at the Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 9. [Photo by Joe Fohn]

Emergency ambulances take spotlight in talks

Will the residents of all Medina County have an emergency ambulance service in 1974? What will it cost the taxpayers of county areas as well as city residents?

These questions must be determined, and they will be examined tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the City Municipal Building in Hondo.

Attending the meeting and joining in the discussion will be councilmen and mayors from Devine, Hondo, Castroville, Natalia and the County Commissioners and County Judge.

Ambulance service has been under consideration for some time and was the subject for discussion at a meeting held in Hondo Tuesday evening.

Service to Stop

However, one factor contributing to the called Thursday meeting was a letter presented by the present ambulance operators saying they will cease service on December 31, 1973. They cite loss of revenue as the contributing cause.

One of the letters reads:

WE, the undersigned funeral homes, regret to inform you, and the citizens of this community, that effective midnight, December 31, 1973 we will discontinue the operation of our ambulance service.

Over a period of years we have been confronted with ever - increasing problems, such as licensing requirements for ambulance attendants, training qualified personnel in compliance with Civil Stature 4590b, of the State Health Department, equipment costs and maintenance, high insurance rates for emergency vehicles, ever - changing federal requirements for special equipment, medicare and political pressure, and the forthcoming enforcement of the National Highway Safety Act.

All of these problems have increased to the extent that the cost of operating private ambulance service in a small community has become prohibitive. This is not merely a local situation; this is a nationwide problem.

Therefore, as of midnight, December 31, 1973, we will no longer be able to operate such service.

We deeply regret that this action has been forced upon us. We offer you our experience and knowledge in your deliberations to solve the problem.

Respectfully submitted, Hurley Funeral Home of Devine, Guinn-Horger Fu-

Respectfully submitted, Hurley Funeral Home of Devine, Charles Hurley; Guinn - Horger Funeral Home of Hondo, W. P. Guinn; Tondre - Guinn Funeral Home of Castroville, W. P. Guinn.

But on top of that letter the companies also submitted one which poses a greater and more immediate problem for city and county planners. This one asks for a good sum of money to subsidize the ambulance service from September 1 through December 31.

This one reads:

We Want Money

WE, the undersigned funeral homes, have submitted a letter of notification that our ambulance service would terminate December 31, 1973.

For the reasons outlined in such letter, we are presently operating at a loss. In order to continue service from September 1, 1973, through December 31, 1973, it will be necessary for us to be paid a subsidy of $1,200.00, per month per ambulance.

Your prompt decision in this matter would be deply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Hurley Funeral Home of Devine, Charles Hurley; Guinn - Horger Funeral Home of Hondo, W. P. Guinn; Tondre - Guinn Funeral Home of Castroville, W. P. Guinn.

Previously, the county came up with a proposal which would call for the county purchasing and maintaining the equipment and the cities paying some $8,000 per year to help with personnel and other expenses.

This proposal so far has met a cold shoulder from all City Councils in the county.

Castroville Speaks

Castroville City Council came up with some suggestions which were presented Tuesday night. They included:

1) Ambulance Service should be operated on the County level.

2) Should be set up like a business and operated on a financially sound basis.

3) Should establish an Administrative Board to enact and set out operational procedures.

4) At the end of the fiscal year, each City to be billed on a per capita basis for one-half the loss accrued against the operation.

5) An adequate bookkeeping system established that will, at all times, show the financial condition of the operation. Each City could act as a collection agency, periodically sending their collections and copies of receipts to a centrally located bookkeeping office. All bookkeeping and collection

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Corny fun had by everyone!

Those people who missed the first annual Hondo World Championship Corn Shucking and Shelling Contest last Saturday evening don't know what they missed. It was fun!

And despite the fact that shucking and shelling corn (especially if some of it is green like Frank Graff and Fred Bader and Jerome Decker insisted) can be a chore.

However, the winners seemed to do all right and all the contestants dug in and enjoyed the task.

Charles Halbadier won the men's division with a time of 2:40.4; Mrs. Milton (Lillie) Heyen won the women's division in a time of 1:46.5; and Chris Heyen took the young people's contest in a time of 1:58.5.

Now, these three will go to San Antonio Sunday, September 9, and take on challengers at the Texas Folklife Festival. Time for that big event, which will be on the Western Stage, will be 7:30 p.m.

But back to Hondo.

People began gathering around 6:30 to eat hot dogs, cup cakes, drink Cokes and eat ice cream. Then a little after seven Joe Nixon, Edmund Lively and George Gooding struck up the music and entertained about 20 minutes.

That's when the fun began. The men's division was run off first; after that came the ladies and then the young people. And there were more ladies and young people competing than there were men.

Burnis Lawrence, president of the Hondo Chamber of Commerce, served as master of ceremonies and he was assisted by County Agents Glenn Bragg, Wayne Scholtz and Gaye Bippert. Dennis Winwright, John Wentz, Bud Gwartney and E. L. Abbott served as timekeepers.

"We will admit we had a few ears of green corn," Bragg said after the shindig. "But it had been harvested a month. However, next year we will have dry corn because we already have it ready for storage right now."

Winners received $25 cash in each event and also an attractive ear of corn trophy made by Eugene Reinartz. Trophies will also be presented to winners at the Texas Folklife Festival.

"We felt the contest was a howling success," said Lawrence, "since we had only a few short weeks to prepare for it. And the encouraging thing was that everyone seemed to have such a good time, from the older people down to the smaller tykes."

School budget shows drop at $1,223,554

Proving that local school operation is big business, the Hondo Independent School District Board of Trustees last week approved a 1973-74 budget totaling $1,223,554.

Good news for district taxpayers is the fact the budget is $50,950 less than the 1972-73 budget and was accomplished without any increase in taxes. The Board held the line on the $1.25 per $100 valuation in effect this past year. It breaks down into 85 cents for maintenance rate and 40 cents for debt service rate and interest and sinking fund.

The board had a $27,100,000 assessed valuation to work from in the district. This is up this year by $800,000.

Figures show the school will wind up this school year (on August 31) with some $196,081 in the bank. That figure shows $126,491 in the general operating fund and $69,590 in the interest and bonded debt fund balance.

By the time this school year is over the board expects to approve spending of $1,223,554 and wind up with a balance in the bank of some $184,080.

The total budget shows: $338,550 will come from local funds, while $872,203 will come from the state and federal governments. A bit of $800 comes in from the sale of a bus and adds to make total revenue for the year of $1,211,553, which means about $12,001 will come out of the present surplus, as the estimated bank balance of $184,080 reflects.

A breakdown of the categories in the expenditure column reveals: Payroll costs -- $958,300; Purchased and Contracted Services -- $39,077; Supplies and Materials -- $53,289; Other Operating Expenses -- $14,090; Debt Service -- $138,588; Capital Outlay -- $20,210.

Meeting plan Homecoming

General planning for a Hondo High School Homecoming will be accomplished at a meeting in the Audio Visual Room of the high school at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 6.

John Windrow, chairman of the committee that will supervise the November 2 event, said, "This will be a general meeting to discuss the Homecoming and outline what we need."

Windrow is assisted by Mrs. Albert (Ruth) Rowlett as vice chairman and Mrs. Ralph (Helen Ann) Jones, Jr. as secretary - treasurer.

"We invite anyone who is interested in helping on the project or serving as class correspondents," Windrow said in announcing the meeting.

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Season tickets available

Holders of season tickets for the Hondo Owl football home games are urged to go by the business office and purchase them.

Monday and Tuesday these tickets, which are selling for $17.50 this year, went fairly briskly.

"The main thing we need to know," said Supt. Kenneth Flory, "is how many people wish to retain their season tickets. If you do not wish to keep them this year, please let us know right away. That way we can offer these choice seats to other football fans."

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WHOPPER PEARS . . . O. K. Schmidt of the Biry Community is shown with three pear grown on the lone pear tree left from his orchard planted upon his return from World War I. This particular tree is about 55 years old. It has produced many bushels of pear, but none to compare in size to those produced this year. The largest pear measures 16 inches in circumference and weighs 2 pounds. This tree has an estimated 6 to 7 bushels of pear on it at present.

LIONS CLUB OF HONDO . . . helped sponsor Jim Black [left] through Leader Dog program in New York following his loss of sight. Last Wednesday he and his new dog returned to Hondo to visit the Lions Club. In center is President Bill Green, and Lupe Alvarez is at right.

SPARKS

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what flies up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight." --Pindar

By Burnis K. Lawrence
Publisher

JIM JAMES

. . . of San Antonio paid me a long visit last Thursday and talked over the times he spent in Hondo as a member of the Class of 52F at Hondo Airbase.

"We had stayed six weeks in tents at Lackland," James said. "And that August was a hot summer; so you can know how we welcomed these barracks.

"And that was despite the chicken smell," he added.

"Chickens?", I asked.

"Yes," he answered. "It seems they had used that row of barracks [the row directly behind the tomato hot-house now operated by Jerry Williamson] for chickens. And even though they had steam cleaned it real well, on those hot days you could still be knocked down from the smell."

From Hondo Jim went many plays during 22 years he served in the Air Force. Some of those included Korea, Labrador and Thailand. His retirement comes up this month and he accepted a job with the New York Life Insurance Company, based in San Antonio. "We like the area very much and just believe we'll stay here instead of going back to Kentucky where I was raised," he said.

With him, Jim brought some pictures that I will try to use in the Anvil Herald soon. One is a panaramic view of the Airbase back then and the other is a class shot.

Jim and I met at Randolph AFB last year where he served in the Recruiting division. It was nice to see him and I also enjoyed the lunch he treated me to. After that, he subscribed to the Anvil Herald, purchased some office supplies and went on his way.

But I think he likes the looks of Hondo, and I bet he'll be back.

CATTLE RUSTLING

. . . or thievery, is on the upswing all over the state, especially since the price of meat has skyrocketed. Medina County, from what I can gather, has its share of this problem.

Fred Bader, however, has come up with an idea that he feels might help and wants to throw it on the table for discussion. Perhaps others might be interested.

"I think we are going to have to band together and pitch in some money to hire someone [or several someones] to patrol our county," Fred said. "I am willing to chip in so much money each month to help in such a project."

Fred believes the county could be patrolled by quadrants and in this manner provide better coverage.

Any livestock owner who feels Fred is on the right track might contact him.

HONDO CROUCH

. . . is in dangerof subjecting his empire up at Luckenbach to over exposure. He brags about its quaintness and the fact that it has no overcrowded problems. In this sleepy, easy-going [lazy is a better word] manner Luckenbach might sleep another 100 years.

But not if old Hondo keeps laying under whatever kind of trees they have around his kingdom and dreaming up such events as he has for September 2. He now plans the Luckenbach Annual Centennial with such attractions as marble playing [bring your own marbles] horseshoe pitching [I'm surprised he said without the horses], dominos and checkers.

And to draw the crowd [young and old] he has hired a band, Jim Cullum's Happy Jazz band at that.

So the quiet, peaceful country-side of this one-horse town will be shattered with the noise of people and a band blowing wind through a bunch of horns, come September 2. If you want all that clutter and clatter--plus a good time--head for Luckenbach on that date.

Texas voters face nine amendments

Nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution will face the approval or disapproval of Texas voters in the November General Election.

This despite the fact that the Constitution Revision Commission will make its final report November 1 and the Legislature will set as the Constitutional Convention come January 1974.

Proponents of the amendments feel that the vote on the proposals would give the constitutional convention a clear mandate regarding the inclusion or exclusion of the proposals in any new or revised constitution.

The proposed constitutional amendments which will appear on the ballot at the November 6, 1973 General Election include:

Amendment No. 1
[S.J.R. 8]

Amending Article III, Sections 5, 24, and 49a, and Article VIII, Section 6, of the Texas Constitution, as amended, to provide for annual regular sessions of the legislature, and to provide an annual salary and per diem for the members of the legislature.

Amendment No. 2
[H.J.R. 7]

Amending Article XVI, Sections 50 and 51, of the Texas Constitution, to include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses.

Amendment No. 3
[S.J.R. 13]

Amending Article VIII, Sections 1-a and 1-b, of the Texas Constitution, to extend the $3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the homesteads of unmarried adults.

Amendment No. 4
[S.J.R. 1]

Amending Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution, establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws creating certain conservattion and reclamation districts.

Amendment No. 5
[S.J.R. 12]

Amending Section 7, Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas; amending Section 7 to provide that certain counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico may levy a tax to pay for bonds issued for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon the vote of the majority of the resident property taxpayers voting in an election.

Amendment No. 6
[S.J.R. 26]

Proposing a constitutional amendment stating that the district court concurrently with the county court shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court, and providing the jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that in any probate proceeding the district court shall also have jurisdiction otherwise conferred upon it by law, and further providing that the legislature may increase, diminish or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, and further providing that the legislature shall have power to adopt rules governing the filing, distribution and transfer of all such cases and proceedings as between district courts, county courts, and other courts having jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that the legislature may provide that all appeals in such matters shall be to the courts of (civil) appeals.

Amendment No. 7
[H.J.R. 6]

Amending Article III, Section 49-b, of the Texas Constitution, as amended, to provide for an additional $100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund.

Amendment No. 8
[S.J.R. 29]

Amending Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section 5(a) to said Article XI, to authorize cities, towns and villages to levy such ad valorem taxes as are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on their general obligations as defined herein hereafter lawfully issued; placing limitations on the amount of such general obligations; and providing for the submission of said constitutional amendment to a vote.

Amendment No. 9
[S.J.R. 25]

Amending Article VIII of the Texas Constitution by adding a Section 2C authorizing the legislature to exempt certain water supply corporations and cooperatives from the property tax on certain facilities.

MOURNING DOVE - WHITE-WINGED DOVE
Hunting Regulations 1973-74

DAILY BAG LIMITS

MOURNING DOVES
Daily Bag Limit-10. Possession Limit-20

WHITE-WINGED DOVES
Daily Bag Limit-10. Possession Limit-20

NOTE: Bag limits of both white-winged and mourning doves may be taken during the open white-winged season.

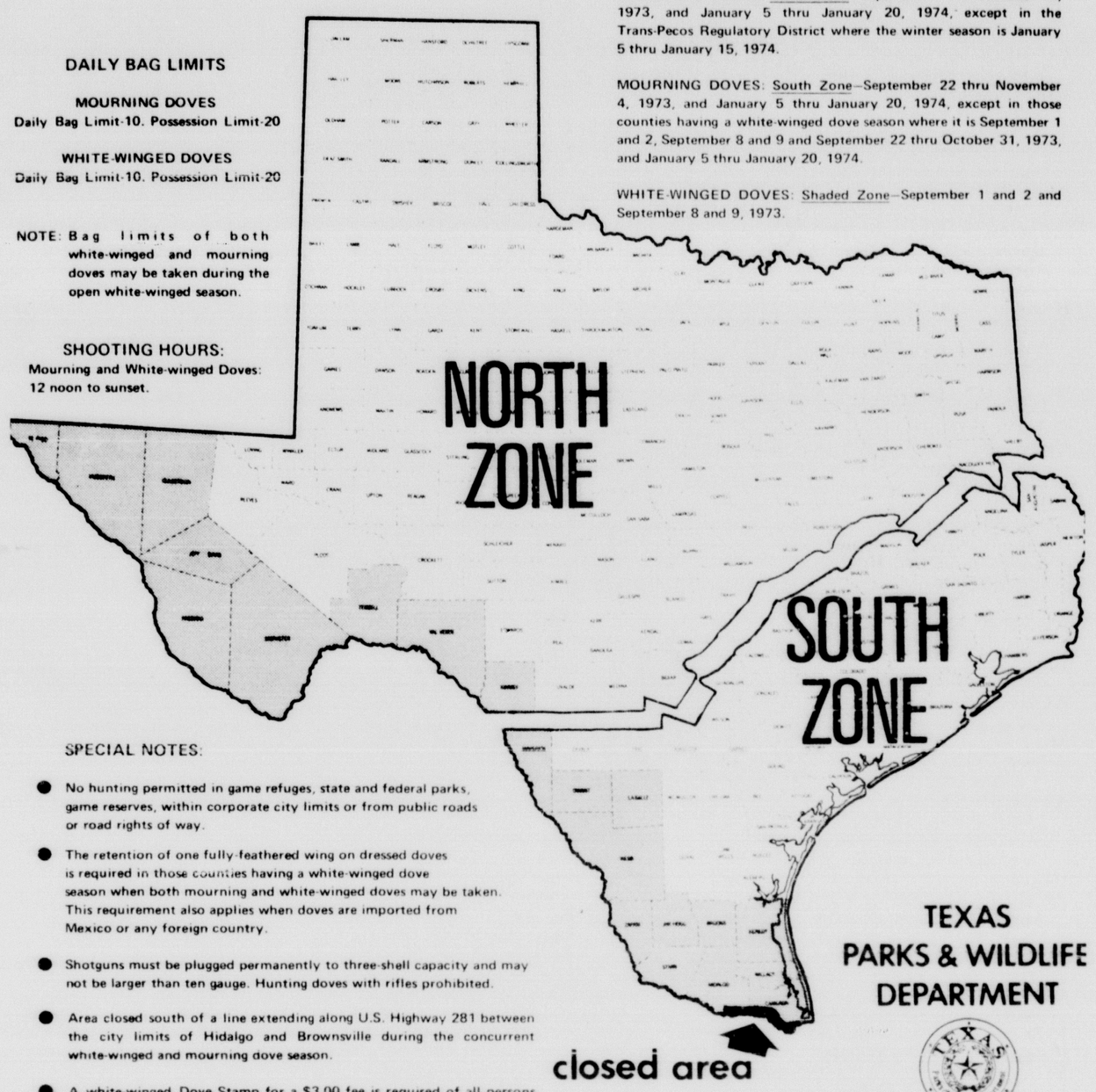
SHOOTING HOURS:
Mourning and White-winged Doves: 12 noon to sunset.

OPEN SEASONS

MOURNING DOVES: North Zone—September 1 thru October 14, 1973, and January 5 thru January 20, 1974, except in the Trans-Pecos Regulatory District where the winter season is January 5 thru January 15, 1974.

MOURNING DOVES: South Zone—September 22 thru November 4, 1973, and January 5 thru January 20, 1974, except in those counties having a white-winged dove season where it is September 1 and 2, September 8 and 9 and September 22 thru October 31, 1973, and January 5 thru January 20, 1974.

WHITE-WINGED DOVES: Shaded Zone—September 1 and 2 and September 8 and 9, 1973.



SPECIAL NOTES:

- No hunting permitted in game refuges, state and federal parks, game reserves, within corporate city limits or from public roads or road rights of way.
- The retention of one fully-feathered wing on dressed doves is required in those counties having a white-winged dove season when both mourning and white-winged doves may be taken. This requirement also applies when doves are imported from Mexico or any foreign country.
- Shotguns must be plugged permanently to three-shell capacity and may not be larger than ten gauge. Hunting doves with rifles prohibited.
- Area closed south of a line extending along U.S. Highway 281 between the city limits of Hidalgo and Brownsville during the concurrent white-winged and mourning dove season.
- A white-winged Dove Stamp for a $3.00 fee is required of all persons who hunt white-winged doves. This stamp is required in addition to the valid hunting license.

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Letters to the editor

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed my check for a one year Subscription to "The Hondo Anvil Herald."

Also, please be so kind and enter my name in your "Happy Birthday" column for August 31, sure hope it's not too late for next week's issue of the "Herald."

Always enjoy reading your paper.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Angelina M. Scherrer
Scherrer LaCoste

Chamber Corner

By Lillian Porter
Executive Secretary

The youngsters keep us busy sending information on our city. We receive several such as this each week:

"Dear Sir:

"My name is Eugene Rey and I am a seventh grade history student at Pat Neff Middle School. The reason I am writing is to inquire more information about your city. Out of all the other cities in Texas, I selected Hondo as the city that I would like to know more about.

"Would you please send me some pamphlets, brochures and other materials on your lovely city? I anticipate the pleasure of your reply very soon. Thank you ever so much for the information. Thank you, Eugene Rey."

The Travel Log published by the Texas Highway Department says: "An Eskimo lady from Alaska visited Laredo and asked for a small Drive Friendly sticker so she should put it on her snowmobile."

Wups, we goofed. Mr. and Mrs. Don Mills, who visited Hondo again after 30 years, were from Euclid, Ohio, not Enid, Oklahoma as we said last week. Sorry about that, Ohioans.

We had a few long distance calls such as: George D. Neuman, Sr. of Garland about deer lease, Lucy Muniz of D'Hanis about a job, Dave Lempke from somewhere on the coast about dove lease, C. B. Wood of Paris (that's Texas) about deer lease, Luis Garcia of Del Rio about rental, George Garner of San Antonio about deer lease, Rusty Masters about hunting lease and someone from Houston about mobile home dealership.

Brochures are in from New York state events, three different ones on Las Vegas and Fort Clark Springs.

Hunting season is just around the first norther and you can tell it by an increased number of lease requests. We had two hunting leases listed; but at the same time we received 28 requests. We mailed out 115 leases (these were new leases and old ones that we do not know if they have been leased or not).

Eight persons wanted brochures, maps and cards while six Welcome Wagon referrals were made.

Joe information with the TEC kept us extremely busy this past week. Take a look at this: job applications 10, job orders 5, job referrals 37, TEC call-in cards and answers 63, and other job calls 17.

We still need housing for people. This past week we had three rentals listed, 9 rental requests, 18 rental referrals and 7 other rental calls.

Letters went out all over everywhere this week: Alberr Ersch, Sr. of San Antonio, Thomas Harrison of Hondo, Spiegel of Chicago, Ill., T. M. Schroeder of Oshkoch, Wis., James Pulpane of Houston, A. J. Kissling of San Antonio, Robert Nelson of Longview, Dewayne Perry of Corpus Christi, C. H. McNeely of Lake Charles, La., Frank Villarreal of Missouri City (Tex), Fred McLarry of Mesquite, George Garner of San Antonio, J. T. Davidson of Houston, Paul Hanus of San Antonio, Lucy Muniz of D'Hanis and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hinson of Hondo.

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Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in The Anvil Herald will be corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

JOHNNY BUSH . . . Popular RCA recording star, will appear at the Cabaret Club Sunday night, September 2. Johnny is well known for his recordings "You Gave me a Mountain" and "My Cup Runneth Over" and many others.

Mechler achieves new title

Associate Superintendent for Business, Gordon Mechler, of the Northside Independent School District has achieved the title of Registered School Business Official under the requirements of the Association of School Business Officials of the United States and Canada.

Mechler, who has been at Northside ten years, met rigid personal, ethical and professional requirements to achieve this status. He was presented a Registered School Business Official certificate in ceremonies at the August 20 meeting of the Northside Board of Trustees.

Session set on Estate planning

A one night Estate Planning workshop has been planned for September 25 at the Audio Visual Room of Hondo High School.

The session will be co-sponsored by Albert Rowlett and the Hondo Chamber of Commerce. It probably will begin at 7 p.m. on that night (a Tuesday) and will cover such subjects as wills, inheritance taxes, trusts and insurance.

Norwood assigned to Keesler

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman David E. Norwood, son of Mrs. Peggy S. Norwood, 1005 15th St., Hondo, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training in communications - electronics systems.

Airman Norwood, a 1972 graduate of Permian High School, received his B.A. degree in art in 1973 from Odessa College.

Amn. David E. Norwood

His wife, Becky, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel R. Loveall, 1516 E. Everglade, Odessa. Airman Norwood's father, Henry E. Norwood, resides at 708 Hurst Blvd., Hurst.

Airman Everado E. Rios

Rios is now at Lowry

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman Everado E. Rios, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rios, 1904 17th Hondo, has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Lowry for specialized training in the supply field.

Airman Rios was graduated in 1973 from Hondo High School.

LAUGH A LITTLE
With Ralph Hauger

His wife was always wanting mink -- so he bought her an entire mink outfit -- a rifle and trap.

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One day this woman driver drove up the side of a building, and there was another woman driver coming down.

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Almost all politicians are married men, which explains why a candidate rarely runs as an independent.

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Hospital News

MEDINA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admissions

AUGUST 18
Abelardo Garcia, Hondo
AUGUST 19
Henry M. Finger, Hondo
Nelda Umlang, Utopia
Charlsie Saul, Kerrville
AUGUST 20
L. B. Green, Hondo
Lometa Neely, Sabinal
Maria Ybarra, Hondo
Aurelia Crow, Hondo
Leonardo Gomez, D'Hanis
AUGUST 21
Susie Winters, Devine
Hattie Reinhart, D'Hanis
Isabel Sandoval, Hondo
Alicia Gonzales, D'Hanis
Janie Reyes, Sabinal
Vada Belcher, Castroville
AUGUST 22
Judy Bradford, Tarpley
Alex Grant, Sr., Hondo
Uel Winters, Devine
Mary Zapata, D'Hanis
AUGUST 23
Josie Villaneuva, Devine
Sylvia Flores, Hondo
AUGUST 24
Alicia Dominguez, Hondo
Jose DeLeon, Yancey

Discharges

AUGUST 18
Linda Butler, Hondo
Elma Alvarez, Hondo
Guadalupe Mendoza, Hondo
AUGUST 19
Abelardo Garcia, Hondo
Mary Ann Yanes, Devine
Mary Villa, Hondo
AUGUST 21
Maria Ybarra, Hondo
AUGUST 22
Henry M. Finger, Hondo
Nelda Umlang, Utopia
Hattie Reinhart, D'Hanis
Susie Winters, Devine
Alicia Gonzales, D'Hanis
AUGUST 23
Isabel Sandoval, Hondo
Janie Reyes, Sabinal
Charlsie Saul, Kerrville
Leonardo Gomez, D'Hanis
Mary Zapata, D'Hanis
AUGUST 24
Lometa Neely, Sabinal
Sylvia Flores, Hondo
Judy Bradford, Tarpley

Babies

Jenoveva to M&M Richard Yanes, Hondo, 6 lbs. 2 oz., August 18. Valeria Ann to M&M Ramon Villa, Jr., Hondo, 5 lbs. 9½ oz., August 18. Nathan Lee to M&M Aaron Saul, Kerrville, 8 lbs. 5 oz., August 20. Marissa Luz to M&M Ernest Ybarra, Hondo, 6 lbs. 5½ oz., August 20. Chris to M&M Cresencio Gonzales, D'Hanis, 6 lbs. 14 oz., August 21. Onesimo Juan to M&M Juan Flores, Hondo, 8 lbs. 11 oz., August 23. Juan Elojio, Jr. to M&M Juan E. Villanueva, Devine, 7 lbs. 2 oz., August 23. Wade Halley to M&M Halley Bradford, Tarpley, 8 lbs. ¼ oz., August 22.

BAND PRACTICES FOR PREVIEW . . . In one pre-school practice session the Owl Band took to the outdoors and practiced in the shade of the oaks behind the High School Library. Tonight at 8 p.m. they will present their popular "Pigskin Preview" on the courtyard of McDowell School. The program will include selections from the band's football season music. Also, twirlers and cheerleaders will be introduced. Bring your own chair or blanket. There is no charge.

Public Records

Real Estate

Otis Hight to A. L. Miller and Louise Rodgers WD/VL to 1 acre tract of land out of the George Ordeal Original Survey 19 and being a portion of Lot 10, Blk. 32, San Antonio Trust Subd. of Lands, Medina County, $10 etc.

John C. Maney and Laura Maney, husband and wife, to Kathleen J. Ingram deed to Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 36, Natalia Townsite, $10 etc.

Charles Joseph Heilig and wife, Dana V. Heilig, to Eugene Jurcak and wife, Dorothy M. Jurcak, deed to Tract 105, Green Glen Acres, Medina County, $10 etc.

George Bell to Jose L. Delgado and wife, Maria M. Delgado WD/VL to Lot 4, Blk. 7, NCB 177, Green Meadows Subd., Devine, $10 etc.

Colonial Oaks Corporation, to Medina Valley State Bank deed to Lots 1, 2, 3, Blk. 2, NCB 194, Heritage Plaza, Devine, $10 etc.

Andres Zapata to Frank Zapata deed to Lot 4, Blk. 7, Hattox Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Allie L. Holmes to Morales Feedlots, Inc. deed to 8.6174 acres of land, being out of the original D. Lieber Sur. 38, Medina County, $10 etc.

Terry A. Canales and wife, Raquel G. Canales, to Marcial Moreno, Jr. deed to 5.015 acres, more or less, out of the M. W. Dikes Sur. 27, out of John Hardin Sur. 35½ and comprising a portion of Lot 25, Blk. 6, San Antonio Trust Subd., Medina County, $10 etc.

Helen Mueller, a widow, to Henry Mueller and wife, Philomena Mueller, deed to 7½ acres of land out of Sur. 5/17, I&GN RR Co., 3.70 acres out of Sur. 3/17, I&G N RR Co., 20.21 acres out of 3/17, I&GN RR Co., 71.3 acres out of Original Sur. 5/17, 3/17, 2/17, I&GN RR Co., 50.375 acres out of Sur. 3/17, I&GN RR Co., Medina County, $10 etc.

Helen Mueller, a widow, to Eunice Mueller Verstuyft and husband, Robert Verstuyft, deed to 198.33 acres, out of Sur. 476½, Heirs of Michael Dancher, Original Grantee, Medina County, $10 etc.

Helen Mueller, a widow, to Elizabeth Mueller Krause and husband Dorsey E. Krause, deed to 218.84 acres out of Sur. 62, W. V. Herring, Original Grantee, Medina County, $10 etc.

Helen Mueller, a widow, to Lucille Mueller Cunningham and husband Harry E. Cunningham, deed to 0.64 acre out of Sur. 476¾, Joe Mueller, Original Grantee, Medina County, $10 etc.

Helen Mueller, a widow, to Lucille Mueller Cunningham and husband Harry E. Cunningham, deed to 127.07 acres out of Sur. 476½, Heirs of Michael Dancher, Original Grantee, Medina County, $10 etc.

Lucille Mueller Cunningham and husband, Harry E. Cunningham, to Dorsey E. Krause and wife, Elizabeth Mueller Krause, deed to 0.64 acre out of Sur. 476¾, Joe Mueller, Original Grantee, Medina County, $10 etc.

Alice Billings, widow of Addison Billings; Julia B. Gates and Sidney A. Billings to Santos Barron and Felicita Barron deed to Lot 9, Blk. 3, Hondo, $10 etc.

Robert P. McGarity and Susan Brill, husband and wife, to Kathleen Finger, a widow, deed to Lot 5, Blk. "A", Hardy Addition, Hondo, $10 etc.

Augusta King to Marcilino Garza deed to Lot 14, Blk. 4, School Addition, Hondo, $10 etc.

Marcilino Garza and wife, Carolina Garza to Ignacio Fernandez and wife, Serefina Fernandez, deed to Lot 14, Blk. 4, School Addition, Hondo, $10 etc.

Jim Allman Homes, Inc. to John E. Krupkoski and wife, Mary E. Krupkoski, WD/VL to 3.078 acres of land, more or less, being out of Lot 7, Blk. 2, San Antonio Trust Subd. of Lands in Medina County, $10 etc.

Adrian Mar and wife, Shriley S. Mar, and Jim Harris to William Harold Brandhorst and wife, Billie Ruth Brandhorst, WD/VL to Lot 1 and the east 10 feet of Lot 2, Blk. 7, Phil Hattox Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Adrian Mar and wife, Shirley S. Mar, and Jim Harris to William Harold Brandhorst and wife, Billie Ruth Brandhorst, deed to Lot 8, Blk. 7, NCB 157, Hattox Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Jim Allman Homes, Inc. to Teresa Krupkoski and Ralph Krupkoski, equally, deed to Lot 4, Allman Acres, being out of a 20 acre tract out of Lot 7, Blk. 2, San Antonio Trust Subd. of Lands in Medina County, $10 etc.

William Luther Davis aka W. L. Davis, et ux, Margaret Ellen Rich Davis, to Leonard L. Lewis, Jr. WD/VL to 15 acres, more or less, being out of P. Bellemere Original Sur. 496, and comprising a portion of Lot 9, Blk. 33, San Antonio Trust Subd. of Lands in Medina County, $10 etc.

Lakecroft Beach Estates, Inc. to Minnie E. Heilig and Rudolph A. Heilig, deed to Tract 148, Green Glen Acres, Medina County, $10 etc.

Minnie E. Heilig and Rudolph A. Heilig to Max O. Williams and wife, Janet N. Williams, deed to Tract 148, Green Glen Acres, Medina County, $10 etc.

Robert P. Lamm and wife, Helen D. Lamm to Robert P. Lamm deed to 18.85 acres, more or less, being out of J. Emencher Original Survey 422, and comprising a portion of Lot 18-A, Blk. 5, San Antonio Trust Subd. of Lands in Medina County, $10 etc.

Marriage Licenses

Robert Neal Sims and Jill Sybil Ray, August 17. Gerald Irvin Bendele and Cynthia Ann Manire, August 17. John Henry Aken and Cheri Lynn Lewis, August 22. Juan Jose DeLeon and Victoria Abrizo Guajardo, August 22. Gilbert Thomas Echtle and Brenda Lou Butler, August 23. Jack Bane Preston, Jr. and Rebecca Ann Minton, August 23. Roy Clayton Cude and Mary Ann Martin, August 23. Ronald Edward Bohmfalk and Wanda Marie Schott, August 23.

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D'Hanis free lunch policy set

D'Hanis Independent School District Superintendent Roy Kile announces the free lunch policy for pupils in that district who are unable to pay for their lunch.

School officials have adopted the following family size and income scale to assist them in determining eligibility.

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY ANNUAL INCOME
One	$0-2740
Two	$0-3600
Three	$0-4460
Four	$0-5310
Five	$0-6100
Six	$0-6890
Seven	$0-7600
Eight	$0-8310
Nine	$0-8960
Ten	$0-9600
Eleven	$0-10,240
Twelve	$0-10,880

Each additional family member $640

Families falling within these scales or those suffering from unusual circumstances or hardships are urged to apply for free lunches for their children. They may do so by filling in the application forms sent recently in a letter to parents.

Additional copies are available at the Principal's office at D'Hanis schools.

Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. The form is simple to fill out and requests information needed to determine economic need based on the income and number of persons in the family and any unusual circumstances or hardships which affect the family's ability to pay for school lunches. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Under the provisions of the policy, the principal of the child's school will review applications and determine eligiblity. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the local official, he may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy also provides that there will be no identification of or discrimination against any student unable to pay the cost of a lunch.

M.L. Riley services at Sabinal

Milo Leo Riley of Sabinal died August 8, 1973, in Uvalde Memorial Hospital at the age of 72.

He was born April 16, 1901, in Rochelle, Illinois and was married in San Antonio on July 1, 1936, to Mrs. Zadie Frazier. Mr. Riley served as SP Depot Agent for years in D'Hanis and in Hondo.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. M. L. Riley of Sabinal, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Foxwell of Millersville, Md., and Mrs. Mary Jeffers of Plano, Tex.; four brothers, Walter Riley and Phil Riley, both of Glen Flora, Tex., Ray Riley of Chicago, Ill., and Paul Riley of Dallas; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Okey of Rockhill, S.C.

Also surviving are three grandsons, Van Foxwell of Millersville, Md., Jay and Kyle Jeffers of Plano; and a granddaughter, Amy Foxwell of Millersville.

Funeral services for Mr. Riley were conducted at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, August 10, in the Rushing-Estes Funeral Chapel in Sabinal, followed by interment in the Sabinal Cemetery.

Pallbearers were M. E. Keath, C. E. Willingham, Robert Habermacher, Jack Woodley, M. S. Shelton and Jimmie Callicoatte.

Honorary pallbearers included J. E. Willingham, L. J. Adams, Robert Mills, B. E. Price, Marvin Dean, Henry Biry, R. C. Colvin, J. T. Arnim, Bart Woolls and Dr. B. Lamar Jacques.

Here in Hondo

Kim Winkler celebrated her 7th birthday with a slumber party and a trip to the San Antonio Zoo. There were eight guests from Hondo and four from San Antonio.

More about.....

Ambulance

records to be subject to inspection of the Administrative Board, Mayors or their authorized representative and the County Judge or his authorized representative.

6) Radio communication set up with County Sheriff's office, tying into the ambulances and the fire departments.

7) Secure as much volunteer help as possible, but working with paid personnel. There is a possibility of obtaining trained personnel from the various military installations in this area.

The City of Castroville feels it could not accept a proposal which would cost them $8,400 a year. This would necessitate a 50 percent increase in taxes to our citizens, which would be to the benefit of only a very small percentage of our population. We, a City of 2000 population, would be expected to meet the same expenses allocated to a city of 4 or 5,000 population. We feel we should be obligated to meet any more than one-half of the loss accrued to the County for services rendered to the citizens of Castroville."

Mrs. Kennington to be honored on her 90th birthday

Mrs. Minnie Kennington will be honored on her 90th birthday with an open house.

The event will be held Sunday, September 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Guinn, 1101 21st St., in Hondo.

Friends are invited to call during the hours between 3-6 p.m. on that day.

Hosts for the celebration will be Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clyde Kennington and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Guinn.

SEPTEMBER SAVINGS CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 ...ihi Gun Club attend church	3 Money deposited by the 10th earns from the 1st.	4 CofC, Devine Hermann Sons Lodge 4H Fire Prevention Ladies Day Golf Boy Scouts No. 219 Devine CofC Directors Library Board Tex. Empl. Comm. Navy Recruiter Sigma Tau St. John's Religion Cl.	5 Hondo Lions DPS License 9-5 ASCS Comm. 4H Jr. Rifle Club St. John's Religion Cl. Boy Scout No. 192 Cur. Events Cl. Devine Drive In window offers convenience at Medina Savings	6 Hondo Firemen Rehabilitation 8-9 Court House 9-10 Chamber 4H Sr Rifle Club Hondo "B", Frosh at Medina Valley	7 Devine Sr Home Demo Coast Guard Recruiter Chamber 1-4 Owls vs Floresville Ask about the method that would be best for you.	1 Hondo Squares Does the future education of your child depend on your savings today?
9 attend church	10 4H Citizenship Group Vet. of Foreign Wars Museum Board D'Hanis Lions Lytle Lions Soc. Sec. Comm. Court Epsilon Sigma Alpha Masonic Lodge Hondo Art League	11 City Council Iota Epsilon Hondo HD Devine Lions Hermann Sons Sister Lodge 4H Fire Prevention Ladies Day Golf Lunch Boy Scouts No. 219 Tex. Emp. Comm. St. John's Religion Cl.	12 Hondo Lions DPS License Hondo Rodeo Assn. M.V. Women's Club Buz Women's Lunch 4H Jr. Rifle Club St. John's Religion Cl. Hondo Jr. Garden Club Boy Scouts No. 192	13 Hondo Firemen Rehabilitation 8-9 Courthouse 9-10 Chamber 4H Sr. Rifle Club Hondo "B", Frosh vs Uvalde Devine Jr. HD	14 Coast Guard Recruiter Chamber 1-4 Hondo Garden Club Owls at Uvalde D'Hanis vs Lytle	15 You'll be surprised how fast your account will grow if you save part of each pay check.
16 attend church	17 Soc Soc—City Hall North H. 4H Club So. H. 4H Club No. 1 So. H. 4H Club No. 2 Eastern Star 4H Citizenship	18 Ladies Day Golf Boy Scouts No. 219 Young Farmers Young Homemakers Tex. Emp. Commission Navy Recruiter St. John's Religion Cl. CofC, Devine 4H Fire Prevention	19 Hondo Lions DPS License 9-5 ASCS Comm 4H Jr. Rifle Club St. John's Religion Cl. Catholic W. Altar Soc. Boy Scouts No. 192 Cur. Events Club, Dev.	20 Hondo Firemen Rehabilitation 8-9 Courthouse 9-10 Chamber 4H Sr. Rifle Club Hondo "B", Frosh vs Pearsall	21 Coast Guard Recruiter-Chamber 1-4 Owls vs Sam Clemens It's convenient to save at Medina Savings Association.	22 Hondo Squares D'Hanis vs Bandera Does the future education of your child depend on your savings today?
23 attend church 30	24 Soc Sec—City Hall MCAE Children D'Hanis Lions Cub Scouts No. 219 American Legion 4H Citizenship	25 Ladies Day Golf Boy Scouts No. 219 Devine Lions Tex. Emp. Comm. St. John's Religion Cl. Catholic W.O.M. 4H Fire Prevention	26 Hondo Lions DPS License 9-5 4H Jr. Rifle Club St. John's Religion Cl. Boy Scouts No. 192	27 Hondo Firemen XYZ Club Natalia HD Rehabilitation 8-9 Courthouse 9-10 Chamber 4H Sr. Rifle Club Hondo "B" Frosh at Devine	28 Coast Guard Recruiter Chamber 1-4 Owls vs St. Gerards D'Hanis at Comfort	29 DRIVE WITH CARE! SCHOOL'S OPEN

Services held for Ervin Bohmfalk

Mr. Ervin W. Bohmfalk of Hondo died August 24, 1973, in Medina Memorial Hospital. He was 65 years old.

Born December 15, 1907, in Medina County, Mr. Bohmfalk lived in the New Fountain Community throughout his life, employed as a stock farmer. He was a member of the New Fountain Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his father, George Bohmfalk and mother, Mary Oefinger; sisters, Mrs. Annie Faseler, Mrs. Louisa Hartman, Mrs. Alvina Fuos and Mrs. Emma Britsch; and a brother, John Bohmfalk.

He is survived by his wife, Aleen Wiemers Bohmfalk of Hondo, whom he married at New Fountain in 1929; a son, Douglas Bohmfalk; two daughters, Mrs. Edren Mechler and Miss Charlott Bohmfalk; a brother, Louis Bohmfalk; sister, Mrs. Alfred (Ella) Brucks; and six grandchildren. All are of Hondo.

Funeral services were held August 26 at Guinn-Horger Chapel in Hondo, with Rev. L. S. Dubberly of New Fountain Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in New Fountain Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert W. Britsch, Edwin Bohmfalk, Leroy Faseler, Duane Wiemers, Johnny Winn and Arlie Brucks.

Honorary pallbearers included Wilkes Wiemers, Henry Lindeburg, Roy Dailey, Donie Bearden, Arnold Nietenhoefer and Henry C. Muennink.

Funeral arrangements were by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Miss Hondo pageant set

Bill Green, President of the Hondo Lions Club, reports that plans for the 1973 Miss Hondo Pageant have been completed. This year's pageant promises to be an outstanding one for Hondo, and will be held Saturday, September 15, says Green.

Previous wearers of the queen's crown include Georgia Ruth Landers, Dianne Schulte, Janelle Been and the reigning Miss Hondo, Diane Lively.

Miss Lively will be on hand to crown her successor as a climax to the day-long activities of the Pageant.

The program will be held Saturday, September 15, beginning at 8 a.m. in the McDowell School Cafeteria.

All candidates will be judged on poise, personality, charm, grooming, appearance, grace, and carriage. They will pose in sportswear and evening gowns in the colorful event.

Music will be provided by Mr. Joe Sengler and Son. Sengler is an outstanding artist, and he will play the organ. His son, Petey, will be at the drums.

Several area girls have been invited as special guests. They include the newly-crowned Miss Bandera, Starr Kelton; Miss Medina Valley, Shauna Yanity; and Miss Beeville, Nancy Blandau.

Pageant coordinator, Jimmy Goodman stated that one of the highlights will be the first graders who will take part. They are always a delight and provide much enjoyment for their parents, friends and guests.

All of the older girls in the program will be entertained with a party and reception during the afternoon of the pageant at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Winkler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ricky Pruitt

Beverly Zerr feted

Miss Beverly Zerr, bride-elect of Christopher Traugott, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on the afternoon of August 12, 1973, at the D'Hanis School Cafeteria.

Mrs. Lester Zerr, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Patrick Traugott, mother of the groom, received the guests along with the honoree. The grandmothers, Mrs. Ben Zerr and Mrs. Paul Traugott, were also present for the occasion.

Linda Zerr, sister of the bride, registered the approximately 65 guests present. Assorted cookies, punch, coffee and nuts were served from the table covered with a lace trimmed light yellow cloth. The centerpiece consisted of yellow mums and gladiola surrounding an umbrella. Blue and pale yellow were the color scheme carried out.

The hostess gift was a mixmaster and a five-piece place setting of pottery.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mmes. Leo Danemiller, Roland Eckhart, Marcus Flusche, Bernice Finger, Robert Graff, Jr., Hubert Hermes, Hilary Huser, Howard Hyman, Maurice Koch, M. O. Koch, John Loran, Raymond Nester, S. R. Norwood, Albert Saathoff, Jr., Pauline Scott, William Turner, T. L. Wall, William Wauson, Alma Zerr, Arnold Zerr, Edward Zerr, John Zerr, Samuel Zerr, Victor Zerr and Misses Melissa Hyman, Linda Zerr and Molly Zerr.

4H CLUB

Four-H'ers and Scouts interested in county government met on Monday, August 20, with County Judge Jerome Decker in the Medina County Court Room.

Judge Decker briefed the youth on the county court session to take place that day with the following youth attending: Karen Reinartz, Craig Heath, Paul Richards, Gary and Jerry Stanga, Jessie and Patty Seals, Brian and Scott Bader, Valerie Cole, Kay and Nancy Martin, with Chris and Douglas Cole, assistants to Mrs. George L. Cole, Adult Leader.

On Monday, August 27, at 3:45 p.m. the Citizenship group met with Medina County Agents in the Courthouse.

Boenig-Pruitt vows exchanged

Miss Barbara Ann Boenig and George Ricky Pruitt were united in marriage on Friday evening, July 20, 1973, at 7:30 o'clock in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Devine. Reverend Michael Maertens performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Boenig of Route 1, Devine, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pruitt, also of Route 1, Devine.

Mrs. June Ehlinger played the nuptial music on the organ. The altar was decorated with arrangements of white gladiolas and baby's breath.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length wedding gown of bridal satin designed with an empire waistline, long sleeves gathered to wide fitted cuffs, and a high neckline. Her long train was edged with lace and attached to the waistline. Her elbow-length veil of bridal illusion cascaded from an arrangement of leaves centered with a beaded seed-pearl star. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, baby's breath and English ivy centered with a yellow-throated orchid and she had a six pence in her slipper.

Miss Virginia Pruitt, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length dress fashioned of white, blue and green flowered divinity designed withlong sleeves and a jewel neckline; each were edged with a self ruffle. She wore a green ribbon sash.

Bridesmaids were Miss Eileen Vaulk of San Antonio; Miss Virginia Messec of Moore, niece of the groom; Miss Sharon Boenig and Miss Leanna Boenig, sisters of the bride. Little Miss Marsha Lynn Poerner, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

They wore identical dresses to the maid of honor's dress except for being blue divinity. Their sashes were also green and the attendants wore headpieces of spring daisies.

Master Leslie Kohleppel of San Antonio was ring bearer.

Richard Tudyk served as best man. Groomsmen were Lucky Roy Pruitt and Jack Pruitt, brothers of the groom, and Carl Theis of San Antonio, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Leo Poerner, cousin of the bride and Pat Eaves.

Mrs. Michael Turner presided at the bride's book where approxmately 200 guests registered.

The bride's parents hosted a reception in the church fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a white nylon flounced tablecloth over laid with a white lace tablecloth and center with an arrangement of white gladiolas and baby's breath. The bride's cake, a four-tiered white confection, was decorated with white orchids, miniature flowers, white ribbon bows and centered with the traditional bride and groom. It was baked and decorated by the bride's aunt, Mrs. M. F. Korb of San Antonio. Cake, punch, sandwiches, nuts and mints were served by Misses Diana Davis and Doris DuBose.

The groom's table was covered with a white lace cloth over blue. Miss Laurie Messec of Moore, niece of the groom,served the oblong Germany chocolate cake and Louise Theis, cousin of the bride, served coffee.

For a wedding trip to Uvalde the bride wore a floor-length sleeveless dress of dotted swiss designed with an empire waistline and round collar. Her corsage was the orchid from her bridal bouquet.

The couple is at home at Trinity Towne Trailer Park in Devine.

The groom, who has lived his entire li fe in the Natalia vicinity, graduated from the Natalia High School in 1972, and is employed by the Woodlake Golf Club in San Antonio. The bride moved to the Devine vicinity in 1957 and she is a 1973 graduate of the Devine High School.

Out-of-town guests came from D'Hanis, Hondo, Castroville, Seguin, New Braunfels, and San Antonio.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal supper Thursday night, July 19, in St. Joseph Fellowship Hall for the Boenig-Pruitt wedding party. Ham and tuna fish sandwiches, chips, dips, punch and coffee were served.

Deborah Louise Ikerd

Miss Ikerd, Tschirhart To Marry This Fall

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ikerd, Jr., San Antonio, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deborah Louise, to Ferd George Tschirhart, son of Denis Tschirhart, Castroville, and the late Mary Dee Tschirhart.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Mac Arthur High School and is employed at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Her fiance graduated from St. Louis High School, Castroville, received his bachelor of business administration degree at St. Mary's University and is employed in the accounting department of a building material and supply company in San Antonio.

The wedding is planned for October 27th.

This week

All she wrote

by Edna McDade

Autumn seems to be giving all sorts of advance notices of her pending approach but Texans know the season can still be "far behind."

Along the coast we have had light north winds buffeting a mixture of smog, fog, and a haze typical of fall's approach. But that was yesterday and the day before.

Today, except for the price, one could fry eggs on the sidewalk!

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HENRY DOMINGUEZ made a well-documented presentation of Hondo's food problems to the City Council.

The situation must really be bad. I noted, in a wedding story last week, that "The bride wore a flood-length gown."

An inch or so of prevention is worth more than a trip to the cleaners -- and costs less.

* * *

Maybe the recent request to the Chamber of Commerce [from the gentleman in Florida] seeking information about the parades to be held in Hondo might be the incentive to get one in the planning stage for some Museum Day.

Just another little something else to do for the busy and efficient CC secretary whose weekly reports prove that the fine job she is doing testifies to her boundless energy and never-a-dull moment.

Now for the Volunteeer Help -- the line forms at the right.

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If U of C [at Riverside] scientists succeed in their test plans, mosquitoes will be spared shaky legs, debilitated wings and any of the other discouraging but inevitable evidences of age.

The scientists believe they might have discovered a fountain of youth for the skeeters. The chemical is a "juvenile hormone" -- a few sips of the stuff and the sippers would die young with never a chance to develop a taste for nibbling at humans.

Maybe we can look forward to swatless sunsets, peaceful picnics, and fishing trips where the nibblers would be limited to fish.

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The plump pig in the page one illustration by KAREN REINARTZ reflected frustration in not being eligible to enter the Corn Shucking contest whose winners will have been determined by this date.

Perhaps someone remembered to leave a few ears of the de-shucked corn around to make up for the frustration.

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Three-day holiday weekends are back in the debatable stage. Blamed for the decision to telescope the dates in the first place are certain nation-wide travel organizations.

Now the back-to-the-original dates movement is gaining support from American Legion and VFW groups and from at least one nationally known news commentator who calls the 3-in-a-row trend "desecration of our national holidays."

Let's see if any other states will follow the example set by New Hampshire where the original dates have been repositioned. [I have probably mentioned this in a previous declaration of my own 'druthers in the matter.]

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To Mrs. MARK MARSHALL [the former IRENE SAATHOFF] belongs the distinction of having been the first student to graduate from Southwestern University [Georgetown] with a Bachelor of Music degree. And, she still "makes sweet music wherever she goes."

No need to mention the graduation date. You'd never believe it! And, that same year, Irene was voted one of the four most popular girls at SU, a popularity she still maintains among her many friends.

* * *

Hondoans remember the late Mr. Fletcher Davis as the dedicated editor of this newspaper and as a devoted father to his family.

His report of a concert at Our Lady of the Lake [S.A.] once-upon-a-time touched my own heartstrings when I found it in my research of back issues of the Anvil Herald and I'd like to share it:

"Radio fans of Hondo listened with more than usual interest last Thursday night when musicians at O.L.L. put on a convert and a Hondo lass, Miss Octavia Davis, sang one of the vocal selections.

"Unfortunately, the conditions electronically were not such as to bring music to the best effect but, of course, this editor enjoyed it all immensely. For, was not the singer her Daddy's own girl, and who wouldn't?"

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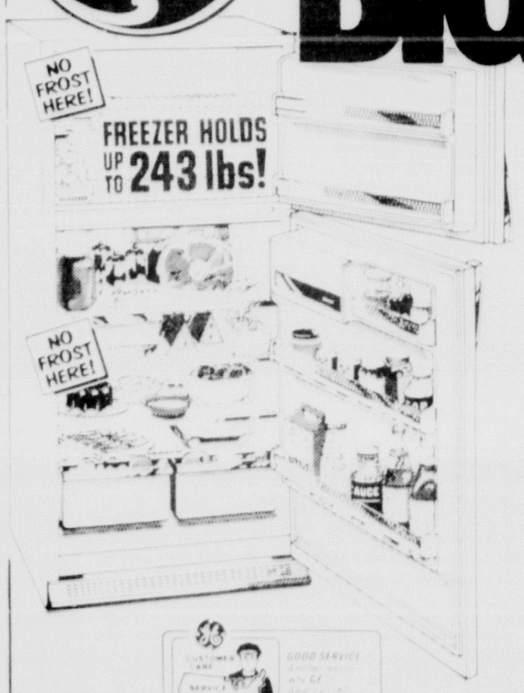

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Medina County, Texas will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed 1974 annual budget for Medina County, Texas, and the proposed increases in compensation of the County and Precinct officials contained therein at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 1973, at the Commissioners Court room, Courthouse, Hondo, Texas.

The proposed increase in compensation of County and Precinct Officials is as follows:

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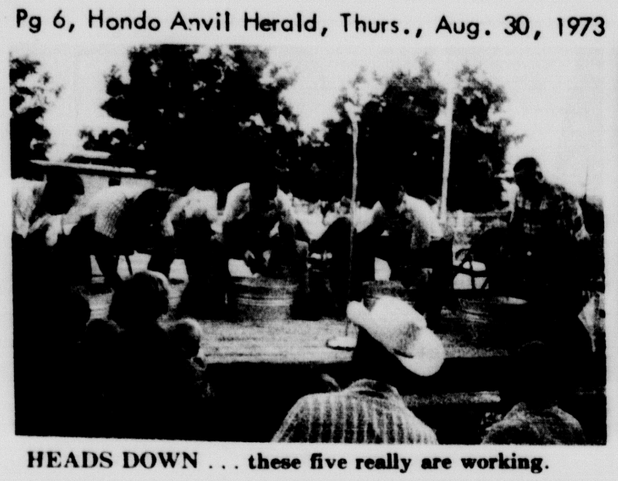

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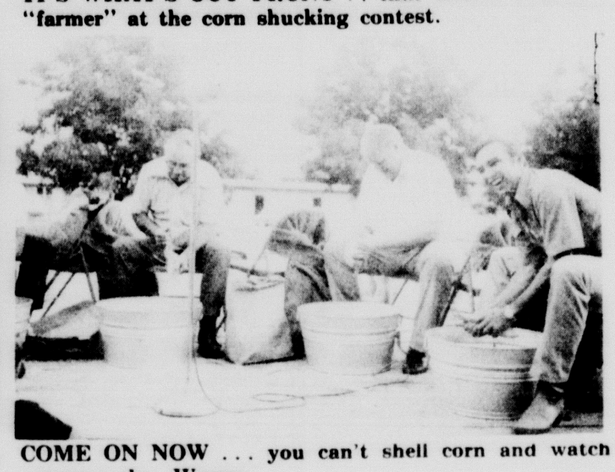

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Fall gardens can produce as many delicious vegetables as spring gardents, says County Extension Agent Glenn Bragg. In fact, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, turnips, mustard, lettuce and spinach all relish the cooler fall temperatures.

The time to start a fall garden is mid-summer. Vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers should be started from transplants then since they must mature before frost.

Broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage should be started from transplants in late summer so that they will mature during cool weather in late fall and winter. Frosts and light freezes generally do little damage to these crops, so in southern counties, they can be started later.

Onions may be seeded from early September to late October and thinned for use in the green stage. Plants left over can be carried through the winter for production of mature bulbs.

However, if onion plants grow more than one-fourth inch in size before freezing weather, many will develop seed stems in the spring. Some gardeners may prefer to buy southern-grown transplants and set them out rom late December to February for bulbs.

To avoid disease, nematode and weed problems in fall gardens, consider soil fumigation, suggests the county agent. Be sure to follow manufacturer's recommendations, especially those on the time interval between application and planting.

Water is critical for fall vegetables, especially in the early stages when temperatures are still high. A good soaking at planting should be followed by lighter waterings until seedlings emerge, then regular waterings are needed to keep soil moist. A mulch of decomposed organic matter, grass clippings, sawdust or other material will help conserve moisture, keep weeds down and reduce cultivation.

As far as fertilizer is concerned, use a 18-18-5 or 10-20-10 mixture. Broadcast it at a rate of 15 to 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet. After planting, sidedress stands with 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet, keeping the fertilizer out of contact with the seed.

F.F.A. NEWS

The Vo-Ag classes at Hondo High School have 82 members enrolled at present. Fourteen of the students are enrolled in cooperative part-time training classes of Vocational Agriculture.

In the co-op training program, the students work in ag-related businesses part of each school day. Each of these students should work at least 15 hours per week in his training station during the five-day school week.

Student Teacher

Jerry Dornak of Jourdanton will do his student-teaching in the Hondo High School Vo-Ag Department during the fall school term.

Dornak will graduate from Texas A&M University in December. Part of his requirement for graduation is an eight-week period of student teaching.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Dornak will visit in the Vo-Ag department in Hondo to get acquainted with the students and the school program.

He will come to Hondo October 15 to begin his teaching period. Dornak was a member of the Texas A&M Aggie Band for the past four years.

Young Farmers Chapter

The Hondo Young Farmers held a business meeting Tuesday night, August 21. President Wilbur Lindeburg was in charge. Announcements were made pertaining to the Area VII Young Farmers convention at New Braunfels.

William Reus will be applicant for Outstanding Young Farmer of Area VII. Lindeburg and Reus will serve as voting chapter delegates at the convention.

George Gooding will be an area officer candidate.

A program was presented by William Hare, Manager of the Hondo Weather station. He gave some interesting information on weather reporting. Following the meeting the group was given a tour of the Hondo Radar Weather station.

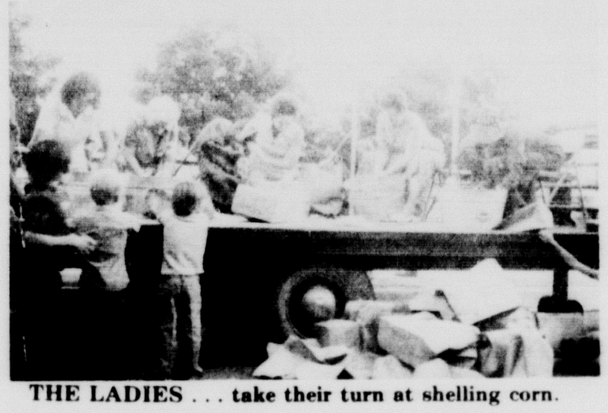
The Area VII Young Farmer Executive Committee held a meeting at San Marcos on August 20 to discuss final plans for the area convention. It will be held jointly with the Young Homemakers at the New Braunfels Convention Center September 22.

Attending from Hondo were Area Treasurer Glenn Dittmar and two Young Farmer advisors, J. D. Schmidt and John McAnelly.

Fall FFA Schedule Announced

The fall schedule for the Vo-Ag Department is now being developed. Following dates and activities are planned.:

Sept. 10 — FFA meeting to set annual dues, develop chapter program, and select chapter sweetheart; Sept. 19 — YF meeting with family fish fry; Sept. 22 — Area YF convention at New Braunfels; Sept. 26 — Dist. meeting of Vo-Ag teachers - Uvalde; Oct. 8 — FFA meeting; Oct. 15 — Adult arc welding short course at HHS; Oct. 15-19 — National FF Convention at Kansas City; Oct. 23 — YF meeting; Oct. 24 — Dist. ag teachers meet - Utopia; Nov. 7 — Dist. FFA Leadership contest at Hondo; Nov. 13 — Area VII FFA leadership contst at SWTSU; Nov. 17 — State FFA leadership contest at Sam Houston State U.; Dec. 12 — Dist. meeting Vo-ag teachers at



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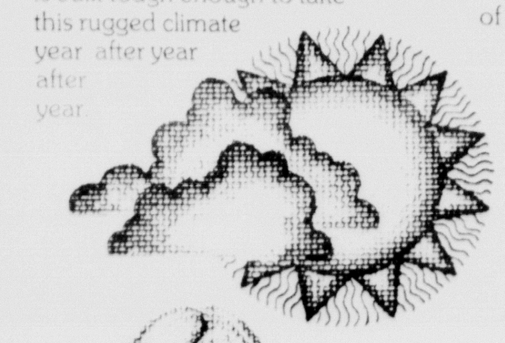

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Luther Melott of Natalia dies

Mr. Luther Thomas Melott, 52, of Natalia, died on Thursday, August 16, 1973 in the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 10, 1921 at Natalia, the son of the late Lonzo and Mamie (Drake) Melott. Mr. Melott was married to the former Mrs. Annie Mae (Goslin) Tilley May 16, 1952 in Pearsall, Texas.

Survivors are his widow, now of Dallas; three sons, Edward Tilley of Weatherford, Fred Tilley of San Saba and Douglas Tilley of San Antonio; four daughters, Mrs. Edna Ross, San Antonio, Mrs. Ouida Kitts, Dallas, Mrs. Frances Melott, Natalia, and Mrs. Beverly Shelley, Houston; two brothers, Jim Melott, Devine, and Joe Melott, Natalia.

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Finch of Dallas and Mrs. Mattie Douglas of Abilene; 38 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Melott was a member of the Baptist Church and he had spent his entire lifetime in the Natalia and Pearsall vicinities except for the time he served in the U.S. Army which was from June 7, 1945 until June 18, 1946. He was a retired farmer.

Graveside services were held Sunday afternoon, August 19, at 2 o'clock at the Evergreen Cemetery with Brother Dan Pitts, pastor of the Church of Christ in Lytle, officiating.

Arrangements were by the Hurley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Charlie Brown, Jr., Woody Richardson, Jimmy C. Linehan, Otis Pierce, Doil Richardson and Leroy Blankenship.

Services held for Natalia victim

Mr. Reynaldo A. Alvarado, Sr., 46, of Natalia was killed in a car and pickup truck collision Sunday morning, August 12, 1973 at IH 35 Southbound north of the Hutchins Place exit while returning home from Converse.

Mr. Alvarado was born February 13, 1927 at Eagle Lake, Texas and he was married to the former Maria De Jesus Rodriquez April 1, 1948 in San Antonio.

He was the son of Mrs. Tomasita Alvarado, Converse, and the late Juan Alvarado.

Survivors are his widow and one son, Reynaldo, J. Alvarado, Natalia; seven brothers, Theadore Alvarado, Chon Alvarado, Arthur Alvarado and Robert Alvarado of Converse, Thomas Alvarado, Juan Alvarado and Maurilio Alvarado of San Antonio; six sisters, Mrs. Amelia Garcia, Mrs. Chelo Gonzales, Mrs. Elvira Nava, San Antonio, Mrs. Lydia Orales and Miss Esther Alvarado, Converse, and Mrs. Martha Porres, Kirby; and his mother, Mrs. Tomasita Alvarado, Converse.

Mr. Alvarado was preceded in death by a son David Alvarado, August 7, 1967.

Mr. Alvarado served in the Air Force from 1945 until February 9, 1947. He lived in San Antonio prior to moving to Natalia in 1949.

At the time of his death he was foreman of Band C. Oil Well Service in Big Foot.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Monday, August 13, and Requiem Mass was offered at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning at St. John's Bosco Catholic Church in Natalia with Father Michael Maertens officiating.

Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Devine, arrangements by Hurley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Manuel Frias, Carlos Rangel, Leonard Castro, Jerry Castro, Sr., Eddie Sepulveda and Robert Gonzales.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simpson of San Antonio announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ann, to Robert L. Wernette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Wernette of Hondo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, San Antonio.

Mr. Wernette is a Hondo High School graduate and also attended SWTJC in Uvalde.

The couple plan a November wedding.

St. John's CCD meets

St. John's Catholic School of Religion Classes will begin September 4 for grades 1-6. All children in this grade group who live east of Avenue P will attend classes on Tuesdays and children who live west of Avenue P will attend classes on Wednesdays. These classes will be held at St. John's School from 4 to 5 p.m. on the designated days.

Grades 7-8 and all high school classes will be held on Wednesday nights beginning September 5. Children who have registered for the Jr. High and High School classes will be notified prior to Sept. 5 as to where their class will be held.

If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately by calling the CCD school office at 426-2565.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

Sept. 4 - 7

MONDAY — Labor Day Holiday.

TUESDAY — Corn Dogs, Boston Baked Beans, Sliced Tomatoes, Chocolate Pie with Whip Cream.

WEDNESDAY — Chili Con Carne, Spanish Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Corn Bread, Butter, Jelly.

THURSDAY — Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Orange Juice.

FRIDAY — Turkey Pot Pie, Buttered Corn, Seasoned Beets, Ice Cream.

Menus all include bread and milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weynand

Zapata infant dies

Gabriel Zapata, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zapata of D'Hanis, died August 24, 1973, at Medina Memorial Hospital. He was two days old, born August 22, at Medina Memorial Hospital in Hondo.

He is survived by his parents, Frank Zapata and Maria Zapata; a brother, Daniel Zapata; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Zapata; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luterio Pargas, all of D'Hanis.

Graveside funeral services were held August 24 at Holy Cross Cemetery in D'Hanis. Reverend George Steubben of St. John's Catholic Church in Hondo officiated.

Funeral arrangements were by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Happy Birthday

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SEPTEMBER 4
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Mrs. Bernard Rihn
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Chris Telvy Robbins
Mrs. Henry J. Haby
David Allen Kriewald
Eula B. Merriman

SEPTEMBER 6
Elmer Huegele
Malcolm Reus
Mrs. Oscar Bendele
Henry Franger
Charles Saathoff
Wesley Neuman
Stephen Shaw

Walch-Weynand vows exchanged

Debbie Walch of Hondo and Marvin Weynand of New Fountain were married August 3, 1973 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hondo in 8 p.m. candlelight services.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walch of Hondo. She is a graduate of Hondo High School.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weynand of D'Hanis. A graduate of D'Hanis High School, he is employed by D'Hanis Brick and Tile.

Reverend A. M. Hannemann, pastor of St. Paul's, officiated. Reverend Victor Schmidtzinsky, pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church in D'Hanis, gave the blessing.

Matron of honor was Carol Honig of Tacoma, Washington, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Leona Weynand of D'Hanis, sister of the groom, and Marcine Bendele of Hondo and Cathy Chambers of San Antonio, friends of the bride.

Best man was Bill Teer of Castroville, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Gary Walch, brother of the bride; Ronnie John of San Antonio, cousin of the groom; and Sam Disney of Yancey, friend of the groom.

Serving as ushers were Emanuel Honig of Tacoma, Wash., brother-in-law of the bride; and Robert Schmidt of D'Hanis, cousin of the groom. Joel Moss of Hondo, cousin of the bride, was candlelighter.

The bride wore an empire styled A-line gown of nylon organza and lace made with a high scalloped neckline, bishop sleeves, and a detachable semi-cathedral Watteau train. Petals of organza and lace held the veil of illusion. She carried a basket of spring flowers.

The bridesmaids wore long sleeved, floor-length pink and white checked princess style dresses trimmed with ruffles edged with white eyelet. They also wore pink picture hats and carried baskets of spring flowers.

Connie Moss of Hondo, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

The altar was decorated with bouquets of pink gladiolas, daisies, and white mums. Baskets of the same flowers and candelabra holding white candles completed the decoration.

Music was provided by soloist Joe Nixon, who sang the "Twelfth of Never" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by organist Jan Nixon.

Following the ceremony a reception for the 195 guests was given by the bride's parents at the St. Paul's Lutheran annex.

The bride's table was covered with a white lace ledged tablecloth. The four-tiered wedding cake was topped by wedding bells and decorated with pink roses. Kathy Fohn served the cake and Belinda Wernette served punch. An arrangement of pink flowers and pink candles in crystal holders formed the centerpiece.

The groom's table was covered with a white damask cloth with a centerpiece of daisies. Diane Hartman served the groom's cake and Diane Byrd served coffee.

For their wedding trip to the Hill Country, the bride wore a short version of the bridesmaids' dresses. Following the trip, the couple will be at home at New Fountain.

Rehearsal Supper

A rehearsal dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weynand for the bride and groom and their wedding party at the New Frontier Restaurant on August 2.

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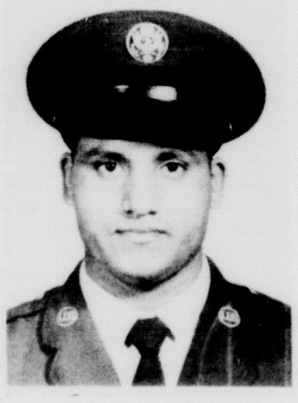

Airman Juan Campos

Campos goes Lowry AFB

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman Juan Campos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Campos, 2106 17th St., Hondo, has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Lowry for specialized training in the supply field.

Airman Campos was graduated in 1973 from Hondo High School.

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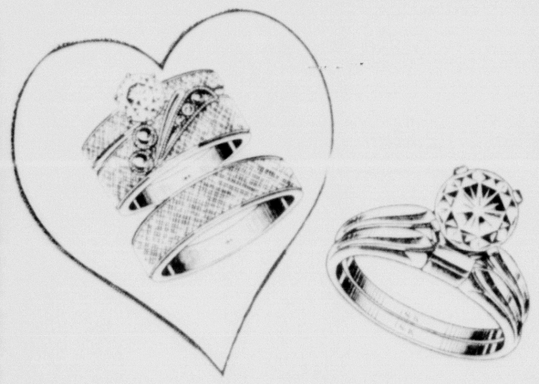

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Owls impressive in first scrimmage

The Owls caused a few smiles to flicker across the faces of fans and coaches as they overpowered the 3-A Southwest High School football team Friday at Barry Field.

The Owls scored via air and ground attacks, and on an interception, to wind up the evening with seven touchdowns to none for the Dragons.

"We were pleased with the overall performance Friday," said Head Coach James Bohls Tuesday before practice. "Not so much with individuals, but with the spirit of the boys as a whole. They really wanted to play out there."

"Southwest also had a bad night. They took themselves out of a few plays where, if they had held together, we wouldn't have done as well as we did."

The coaches went on to note that some mistakes were made by the Owls, but they were aggressive mistakes, and they weren't too plentiful.

Only one player was injured as a result of the Friday night scrimmage. Donnie Weynand suffered a twisted ankle, and had not yet returned to play on Tuesday.

Friday night, Boerne will scrimmage the Owls at Barry Field, starting at 7:30 p.m. Boerne has made some surprising moves in past scrimmages against Hondo, but this year they will probably rely on a Wing T attack, teamed with a 4-4-3 defensive setup.

Offense statistics from Friday night's scrimmage read as follow:

Touchdowns, 7. Touchdowns allowed, 0.

TEAM OFFENSE: 1st Offense; Rushing (1st half) 112, passing 1-5 for 44. (2nd half) Rushing 80, passing 2-3 for 41. Total rushing 192 yds. Total passing 3-8 for 85. 32 plays, 277 yds., 8.5 yds. per carry.

2ND OFFENSE: Rushing 74 yds. Passing 1-4 for 49. Total yds. 122, 20 plays, 6.2 yds per carry.

3RD OFFENSE: Rushing 46 yds. Passing 1-3 for 30. Total yds. 76 yds., 15 plays, 5.0 yds. per carry.

TRAINER TAKES A LOOK . . . at the elbow of Freshman football player Roy Carmona, Jr.

John Zerr is official Trainer for Owls

Hondo Owl athletes in all sports this year will take their injuries, sprains, and muscle pulls to a new man for repairs.

He's on the field at every practice session and during each game, and before the year is out, he will be as familiar as any coach. But a coach he is not.

Instead of the usual Navy blue T-shirt favored by the coaching staff, his shirt is white, with simple yellow cross on the pocket. On the cross are the initials N.A.T.A. for National Athletic Trainers Association.

He is John Zerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Zerr of Hondo, and a 1962 graduate of Hondo High School. He is married to the former Mary Beth Schneider of Hondo. They have two children, Mark John and Amy. His job is to serve as trainer for all organized high school sports.

John was a standout athlete as an Owl until a severe concussion cut short his football career during his senior year.

At that point Jerry Williamson, who was a coach in those days, encouraged John to look into athletic training as a career.

John did. After a year at Southwest Texas Junior College, he went on to study three years at East Texas State University under Delmer Brown. Brown may be remembered as the man who still holds the State record in the 220-yard dash (19.5 seconds), but he is better known nationally for his skill as a trainer.

Following graduation, John worked as a trainer at San Angelo Central High School two years, then entered business for two more years. In 1970, he left his business to go back to athletics, this time as a coach and teacher in San Antonio.

Last year, he returned to the Hondo school system.

Asked about his new responsibilities, he explained, "As trainer, I'm working up a card file on each boy involved in athletics. In case of any serious injury or ailment, I will be in touch with his family doctor to carry out his treatment. provided the boy is allowed to stay in the athletic program."

"The card will begin with his Freshman year and will measure height, weight, rate of growth, as well as any injuries during his high school career. By the time he graduates, we will have a complete thumbnail sketch of his high school medical history as applied to athletics.

"Besides the cards, I will be in charge of taping players, treating minor sprains and pulls, and using therapy methods such as whirlpool treatments and ice packs," Zerr went on.

"It's important to know the difference between an ailment and an actual injury, and that's where I come in."

Explaining his background and qualifications, Zerr stated,'trainers are closer to Physical Therapists in background than coaches. The curriculum requires many courses in physiology, anatomy, and biology, plus three years assisting a qualified trainer.

"After all that preparation, trainers must pass a comprehensive, three-phase state Board examination in order to be licensed."

Zerr also mentioned the limits of Trainers' qualifications. "We are not authorized to dispense any drug or treatment that is not available over-the-counter. By that, we cannot prescribe drugs, or give drugs, except as already prescribed by a physician."

So, if the walking wounded begin running a little sooner this year, and if the taping looks a little more professional this season, chalk it up to the new man on the sidelines.

Doves 'scattered' this season

The dove situation looks tight this season, reports Game Management Officer August Timmermann.

In June, doves were plentiful and there was a good hatch of young birds in the county. But, true to form, the birds seem to have pulled out just in time for dove season, which opens Saturday.

Timmermann described the dove population as "scattered" in the county, and credits the birds' hasty exit to the bountiful fields of croton or teaweed in south Texas.

"Near Hebbronville and Falfurrias, there are miles of pastures, just full of teaweed," noted Timmermann. "That's the dove's favorite natural food, and that's where a lot of the birds are now."

Seasons for the North Zone, which includes Medina County, run September 1 through October 14, and January 5 through January 20.

For the South Zone, which includes neighboring Frio County, the season will open September 22 through November 4. Their winter season, too, will be from January 5-20.

(See map on Page 2)

Cards, 90's meet Sunday in D'Hanis

The D'Hanis Cardinals took an early lead in final Hill Country League playoffs by downing the Medina Valley 90's by a 4-2 score Sunday at Castroville.

Next Sunday the series moves to D'Hanis for a 3 p.m. game at the D'Hanis High School stadium.

Walt Rothe went the distance for the Cardinals to card his third playoff victory against one defeat. Jerry Burell was credited with the loss, after relieving starter Maxie Groff in the third inning.

Things opened in a promising way for the 90's as Glynn Tschirhart lofted the first pitch of the game for a triple. But a pickoff throw from catcher Rusty Attaway two pitches later evened the situation, and Tschirhart also became the game's first out.

Greg Biediger scored the 90's first run in the fourth inning after walking and advancing on a Carl Keller single. An error later scored Biediger.

The 1-0 margin held for two innings, until with two men on base, Charlie Rothe of the Cards hit a towering home run over the left field fence to put D'Hanis ahead 3-1.

Also in the sixth, Spencer Burrell walked, then scored on a ground rule double by Ray Bendele to total 4-1.

The 90's added a run in the eighth as Glynn Tschirhart scored, but the game ended with the Cardinals on top.

The championship series recalls memories of the old Highway 90 League of a few years back, and some of the old perennial D' Hanis - Castroville rivalry surfaced in the final inning as baserunner Ray Bendele crashed into Carl Keller at third base. Fists flew momentarily, but no further action resulted.

Sunday the 90's bring the same rivalry to D'Hanis in the second round of the best-of-three series to determine a Hill Country champion.

Lady bowlers to organize

The Tuesday Night Ladies Bowling League will meet September 4 at 7 p.m., Bob's Bowling Lanes in Hondo for a business meeting and first night of league bowling.

If you are a new or experienced bowler there are a number of vacancies on some of the teams, says Sophie Pompa, president.

Contact her at 663-2031 or Sarah Russell at 663-4421 or 663-2755 evenings, in Devine or Bob's Bowling Lanes in Hondo for further information.

Old Timers Day Sunday at Pruneda Park

Sunday, the baseball scene at Pruneda Park will turn back the years for the old timers game between the ex-Hondo Bears (Los Viejitos) and the old timers from D'Hanis. That game will be played Sunday, September 2.

Today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. there will be a practice session at the ball park. A regular American Legion meeting for all members will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors of the Old-timers game will be the membership of the Pruneda American Legion Post #524. Managing Los Viejitos will be Mr. Joe Dominguez and Mr. Antonio Garcia.

The Hondo All Stars won their game against Twin Lakes Ice Station of Natalia by a 14-7 score Sunday at Pruneda Park.

Winning pitcher was Mario Garcia with Borrego catching. The star hitter of the game was perennial power-hitter Johnny Miranda.

Charolais sale

The 18th annual Cowman's Charolais sale is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, September 15, at the Union Stock Yards in San Antonio.

Auctioneer Walon Houck of Edna will sell the cattle which will include approximately 210 head, including 20 bulls and 190 heifers. Many of the consignments are partial herd dispersals featuring French breeding.

Catalogues will be available around September 1 upon request from the Texas Charolais Sales Corporation, 717 Majestic Building, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Owners need 'preserve' license

Landowners who lease their pastures or ponds for hunting or fishing will be asked to pay $25 for their shooting preserve licenses this year, reports the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

The new fee is up from the previous $5, and is the same for all landowners, regardless of how many acres they own.

Also new this year is the method of application for license. In the past, any dispenser of hunting and fishing licenses could issue the preserve license, and the number of licensees usually ran near 500 in the county.

But this year, an application must be obtained from the dispensing places, completed, and mailed with the fee to Austin before a license can be issued.

Time is growing short for dove season, and it is advised that landowners who lease for deer only should also apply now.

Penalty for failing to secure the license carries a minimum fine of $100.

Regular hunting and fishing licenses carry slightly higher price tags this year, also.

Resident hunting licenses cost $5.25 this year, and fishing licenses will cost $4.25. A combined resident hunting and fishing license will be sold for $8.75.

The new licenses will be required for hunting and fishing in Texas after August 31, 1973. They will remain valid until August 31, 1974.

Ladies win at tourney

The team of Pompa's Barber and Beauty Shop of Devine bowled in Las Vegas, Nevada in the Women's International Bowling Congress Championship Tournament on June 29-30th. Results of the tournament were received this week in the form of checks to all bowlers.

The team was composed of Carmen Sandavol, Sophia Pompa, Sofia Lopez, Edith Festervan and Sarah Russell. Mary Alice Darryl also made the trip and bowled with a team from Kings Beach, California who also placed in the prize fund.

Sofia Lopez and Carmen Sandavol as partners and Edith Festervan and Sarah Russell received nice checks in doubles. Sofia Lopez and Sarah Russell placed in Singles and in Optional All Events giving them a win in all four events of the tournament.

The 54th Annual WIBC Championship tournament was the largest, longest and richest tournament in its history. There were 9,644 teams entered, 23,450 Doubles, 46,900 Singles and 42,124 All events comppting for a total prize fund of $706,431.00.

Edith Festervan, sister of Sarah Russell bowls at New Boston, Texas out of the Texarkana, Arkansas Association and the remaining bowlers bowl on the Tuesday Night Ladies League at Bob's Bowling Lanes in Hondo. Carmen Sandavol is from Hondo; Sofia Lopez and Sophie Pompa from Devine and Sarah Russell and Mary Alice Darryl from Natalia.

SPORT FACTS

By Ralph

Since 1927 the Owls have won 21 district titles and were co-champions another year. Hondo also has won 15 bi-district titles, nine regional titles, two zone championships, two quarterfinals and one semi-finalist title in 1956.

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Owl Coach James Bohls enters his second year as head coach for the Hondo High School eleven. He came to Hondo in 1966 after graduating from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

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POTATOES 10 lb. bag $1.39

LETTUCE Head 31¢

Natalia and Chacon Lake news

By Mrs. I. W. Thompson

Relatives attending the 2 p.m. funeral Sunday of Mr. Luther Thomas Melott included Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ross, Tilley, Carolyn, Donna, Leann and Charles, Jr., the Douglas Tilleys, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kitts, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. David Shelley, Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tilley, Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tilley, San Saba, Mr. and Mrs. John Fry and his mother, Mrs. Fry, New Braunfels.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Alvarado visited his mother, Mrs. Maria Alvarado in the Pleasanton Hospital Monday evening and he reported that she was showing improvement and that she was allowed to be up and walking. Mrs. Alvarado received internal injuries in the car and pickup collision that her husband was killed in on Sunday morning, August 12.

Mrs. Luther T. Melott and her grandson, Coby Wayne Williams, left Sunday afternoon for Dallas to make their home with Coby's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kitts.

Airman Bill Gade, amputee patient in the Wilford Hall Hospital, and his mother, Mrs. Carolyn Gade from Atlanta, Georgia, came out Sunday for the day with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fiorenza, Valinda and Airman First Class Randy Fiorenza, who is also a patient at Wilford Hall Hospital, recovering from a broken leg he received in a motorcycle and truck collision.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooley, College Station, came Saturday and visited until Monday morning dividing time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Cooley, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Reynolds, Jimmy and Jerry.

Mrs. Frank Singleton returned home by plane Wednesday after having been on vacation since Thursday, July 5, visiting her daughter and family, T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Dillard, Karen and Darla, in Birkenfield, Germany. While there, they toured 2,000 miles sightseeing in Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. They enjoyed a cup of tea at Hitler's Berchtergarden Tea House and they viewed the cemetery at Luxembourg, Germany where General Patton and 5,000 U.S. Troops were buried.

Mr. B. M. Estes was admitted to the Baptist Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon and had eye surgery Tuesday morning.

Mr. Johnny Velasquez was released Thursday after convalescing since early Sunday morning in the Bexar County Hospital from injuries he received in a car and pick up collision. His wife, the former Soccorro Navarro, received a broken leg, facial cuts and bruises. Reports are she will be hospitalized for some time.

The Greg Chaviras, Gilbert, Bobby and Ricky, of Pearsall, were dinner guests Sunday of her parents and they went to San Antonio after lunch for the afternoon with her sister and family, the Willie Rodriquezes, Laura and Jeffrey.

Mrs. Earl Jeter, Bloomington, California, arrived Monday for a visit with her sister and family, the Jimmy C. Linehans, and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Bluhm in Devine. Mrs. Bluhm's daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Freeman, and her daughters, Mrs. Elaine Bristol, Sherry and Stevie and Mrs. Linda Walker and Toni, Midland, arrived Friday and Mrs. Walker and Toni visited until Monday morning. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Bristol, Sherry and Stevie remained for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stuart from L.B.J. Lake, near Kingsland, came Friday and visited until Monday morning with her mother, Mrs. E. H. Whittington, and her brother, Mr. Lloyd E. Whittington. Mrs. Stuart was a guest at the Natalia Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. John R. White and sons, Brent Bryan and Barry had as their house guest from Thursay until the following Wednesday her grandmother, Mrs. Julia Thomas, from Boerne.

Mrs. Lawrence Stanfield, Devine, and Mrs. Winnie Tilley and Miss Arila Crawford visited their aunt, Mrs. Jennie Ball, 88, who is a patient in the Cart Wheel Lodge in Pleasanton Monday morning.

The W. B. Days had as their recent house guests her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty, from San Jose, California.

The David Saldanas, San Antonio, came out Sunday for the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Saldana. The A. J. Saldanas joined by Saldana, showed movies of the A. J. Saldanas' vacation in California while visiting her brother and family, the Gilbert Navarros, in Westlake Village.

The Premiers and Jack Autery presented a gospel concert at the Natalia Baptist Church Wednesday night at 7:30.

Mrs. John L. Kempf was hostess to the Happy Valley Needle Club on Wednesday afternoon, August 22, with six members attending. Mrs. Frank Neuman presided. The group enjoyed talking and refreshments of cake, ice cream, cookies, chips, dips, coffee and tea were served. The next meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5, at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Neuman at 206 W. Coker Ave., Devine.

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Wilson member of top unit

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA -- Senior Master Sergeant James H. Wilson of Cedartown, Ga., is a member of the top Class III Consolidated Base Personnel Office in the U.S. Air Force's Security Service.

Sergeant Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilson, Sr., 154 North Broad St., Cedartown, is assigned at Elmendorf AB, Alaska, as sergeant major of the office which was cited for outstanding achievement from June 1, 1972, through last May.

The sergeant's office will now compete for Air Force worldwide honors in Class III -- those personnel facilities serving less than 3,000 members.

A 1948 graduate of Cedartown High School, the sergeant entered the Air Force in April 1951. He served with Security Service headquarters at Kelly AFB before his assignment to Alaska in April 1971.

His wife, Irene, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Davis of Devine.

Sergeant and Mrs. Wilson have a son, James.

Nester headed for San Diego

ORLANDO, FLA. -- Navy Seaman Apprentice David H. Nester, son of Mrs. Olivia Nester of D'Hanis, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center here.

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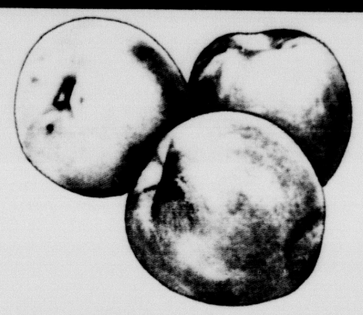

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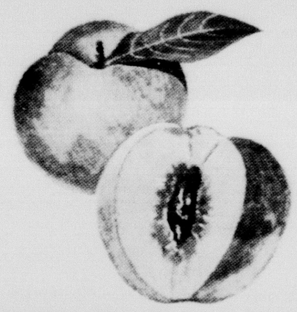

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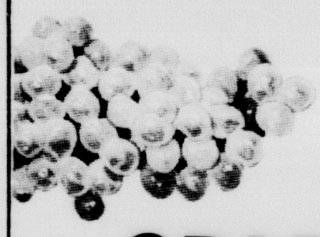

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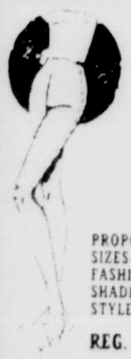

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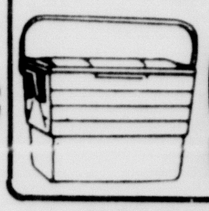

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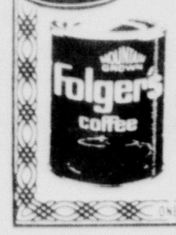

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Irrigation is big business

Irrigation is big business in the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. When over 100 farmers irrigate their land, over $.25 million annually is poured into the economy.

They spend this money in the surrounding communities for labor, electric power, gasoline, diesel fuel, and equipment used to apply the irrigation water.

They also spend money in the area for pumps, motors, valves, pipe, well casings, and drilling equipment; earth moving machinery such as motor graders, scrapers, land planes, bull dozers, tractors and other machines; tools, and material used to prepare land for irrigation and to install and operate irrigation systems.

Besides, irrigation makes it possible to raise certain crops that would not grow without the water. This pumps more money into the economy for manpower, material and equipment to plant, cultivate, fertilize, harvest, haul and market these crops.

Farmers efficiently using good conservation irrigation systems can apply water to their land, protect their soil from water erosion, and get the most from rainfall. In doing this, they avoid wasting water.

Wasting water is like wasting money. Water is of great importance to people of the area - both urban and rural. While the potential supply of water remains about constant, the needs for human use multiply with growing population and rising standard of living.

Irrigation water can be wasted in several ways:

1. Applying water at the wrong time. When a crop suffers from lack of moisture before it is irrigated, both quality and quantity are reduced. Irrigation water must be applied when crops can use it effectively, or it is wasted.

2. Applying water unevenly on a field. This puts too much water on some parts of the field and not enough on other parts of the field.

3. Applying insufficient water to a field results in shallow penetration and excessive evaporation loss.

4. Applying too much water for the soil to store in the crop root zone. Too deep penetration wastes both water and plant nutrients.

5. Putting on water so fast the soil cannot absorb it. Runoff or tailwater results.

A perfect irrigation system is impossible; but when efficiencies as low as 20 percent have been measured this means as much as 80 percent of the water has been wasted. The cost of the water is increased in the same proportion, making it difficult to realize a profit on irrigated crops.

The cost of installing a conservation irrigation system will vary according to the soils, topography and the type of system desired. Each type should be considered to best fit the local conditions and the local labor situation. A well-planned system can pay for its installation cost in as little as two years, in water that is saved.

It will give the farmer the tools to produce better crops. Runoff from irrigation and rainfall washes away soils and fertility. Other rainfall that is lost must be replaced with irrigation water.

Information and technical assistance are available through the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and the local offices of the Soil Conservation Service. Let's help prolong the life of this big business - help make better use of the water so vital to all people - and enjoy the effect its wise use has on the way all of us live.

POND CONSTRUCTION--The Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District recommends construction of ponds and lakes such as this one, located on Edgar and Ralph Stiegler farms four miles south of Hondo.

Holding water prevents erosion downstream, furnishes water for livestock, as well as providing recreational benefits. [Photo by SCS]

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A simple question

What is soil?

When you plant things in your garden or fields, you wish that all had dark fine soil which crumbles easily between your fingers. Plants will grow best in such material. Where the soil is full of hard clods of light color, it will harden when it dries and the tender plants will not do well.

The difference between good soil and poor is similar to the difference between soil and rock. Soil differs from weathered rock in three principal ways: the presence of humus, the development of layers, and the formation of crumbs.

A good soil has plenty of humus. That is, it has small particles of decomposed plant material, original small roots, leaves and stems but broken down into bits which mix with the particles of mineral material, sand and clay.

The action of air, rain and weather elements on rocks - weathering - causes decomposition into small pieces. But weathered rock without humus is that poor part of our soil which will not produce large healthy plants.

The process of weathering at the earth's surface does something else. Water passing through the surface dissolves some parts of the rock material slowly but surely. The dissolved material is carried by the water. Thus, the surface layer of soil material loses some ingredients, and deeper layers may gain those same ingredients. This process of movement by partial solution develops layers near the surface. Such layers can be seen in road cuts along the highway. A commonly found dark band right at the surface indicates that the uppermost layer has acquired some dark organic material, humus. The presence of humus implies that this layer has lost some mineral material by solution.

The changes accompanying this slow process of rock breakdown and development of layers also make the small individual particles of clay and silt stick together in crumbs. Between the crumbs there are open spaces through which water may filter down. The accumulation of small particles into crumbs forms the structure of a soil. The presence of humus is necessary for the development of a granular or crumb structure. The development of structure is a desirable thing for the growing plants because a crumb structure gives space between the particles.

These minute openings not only provide space for water and for the microscopic roots of plants, but also for air which is as necessary for the growth of roots as it is for the growth of leaves, stems and flowers. Many house plants grown in glazed or metal flower pots die because water fills all of the spaces between the soil particles and the roots cannot get air. Roots completely submerged may literally drown.

To give weathered rock the properties of soil takes a long time, many years, or even several life times. Each one of these characteristics, humus, layering or profile development, and structure depends on more than the presence of vegetation. Millions of bugs of different kinds, small and large, which live in the soil all play their part. We see the worms and grubs, but they are very few in number compared with minute bacteria, fungi, and microscopic forms of life. Most of these live on the dead remains of plants. The decay of the old leaves, stems, roots, and other plant parts is actually carried out by minute organisms.

The soil, therefore, is not merely broken up rock. It is a whole world of living things, most too small to be seen. It is a constatnly changing layer, losing some of its constituents and gaining others. This constant exchange in the soil keeps it in the form most useful to man, good for growing plants and capable of absorbing and holding water.

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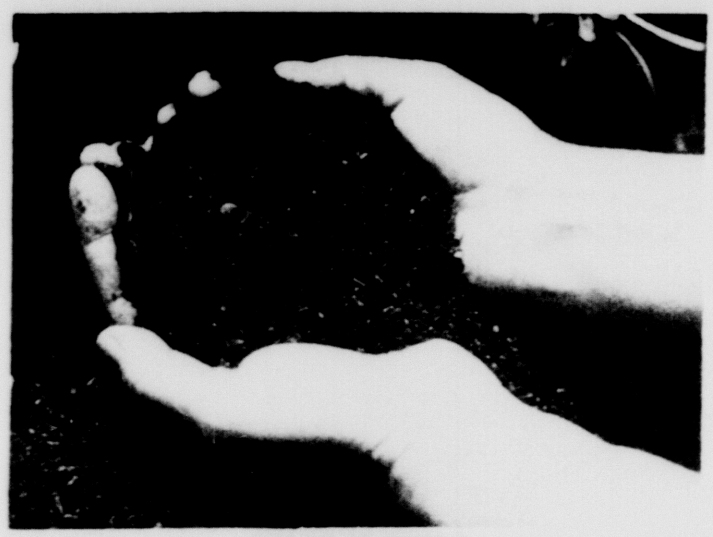

WHAT IS SOIL?

Some soils have higher production potential

"Soils differ from one another just as people differ. Some have a high potential for production, while others have varying degrees of limitations. Some of these limitations can be corrected; we simply have to recognize and live with others." This statement was made by Glenn Dittmar, Soil Scientist for the Soil Conservation Service.

Dittmar also said that in making soil surveys, soil scientists determine the characteristics of soils by both field and laboratory studies. They determine the thickness of the soil, its texture, structure, color, and acidity or alkalinity. They also study other characteristics, especially those having to do with the behavior and potential productivity of the soil as a whole such as slope of the soil surface, significant losses by erosion, stoniness and evidence of imperfect drainage or flooding. From a study of these many characteristics the soils are classified and named. Each kind is indicated by an appropriate symbol on the map and in legends.

From these observations supplemented in some instances by laboratory studies, they estimate permeability of the soil, erosion hazard and other qualities important to the use of each kind of soil.

While making a survey, the soil scientist collects soil samples by soil horizons to be studied in the laboratory. In the laboratory a scientist measures particle-size distribution to help estimate the water holding capacity. He measures the rate that water moves through

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the soil. He studies samples of soil to learn the distribution of certain important minerals.

For the soil scientists to give technical soil assistance for some purposes, such as designing drainage systems, deep borings must be made. Checking foundation material on which to build heavy structures or highways and checking the porosity of deep layers that may cause a pond to leak, are other examples of special purposes determinations.

Because there are so many kinds of soils and problems, many kinds of soil interpretations are needed. Most users of soils surveys also want more general information than that given about the individual mapping units. They like to have soils that behave alike in response to management and treatment for specific uses grouped together.

The land capability classification helps to introduce agricultural users to the detailed soil map. Soils are grouped according to their adaptability for common farm crops under permanent agriculture, to what they can be expected to do, to their limitations for sustained production, and to the risk of soil damage, if they are mismanaged.

In this classification the individual mapping units are first grouped into capability units. The soils in any one capability unit have similar risk and limitations for agricultural use, respond to the same broadly defined practices, are adapted to about the same farm crops, and return about the same yields under comparable systems of management. Thus, the capability unit is a basic management unit for common farm crops.

Capability units are grouped into capability subclasses, a grouping that suggests both the degree and the kind of problems that a farmer or rancher will encounter in long time use of the soil.

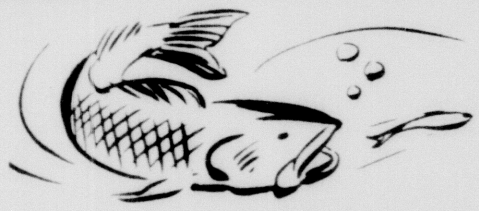
This interpretation is widely used in giving technical assistance to farmers and ranchers through soil and water conservation districts. Soils are also grouped for special crops, for range sites, and pasture suitability.

Although most people dealing with land may use soil surveys, the primary use of soil surveys has been to help farmers and ranchers plan their operations. With a soil and capability map of his land, a farmer has the opportunity to add greatly to his own knowledge about his soils.

The farmer or rancher must make the final decisions as to the uses and treatments applied to the land he operates. But it is the duty and responsibility of Soil Conservation Service technicians to point out the acceptable alternative uses and recommend the combinations of treatment compatible with the science of soil and water conservation. Then landowners can be assured that the system selected is always within the capability of the soils and is conductive to soil improvement and good water management.

Information about the soils in Medina County is available at the Soil Conservation Service Field Office in Hondo and will be available in a published report sometime in 1975.

VERNON C. GRUNEWALD, Conservation Technician. Vernon graduated from Yancey High School and immediately entered the Navy during World War II. On being discharged, he entered the Federal Police Agency in San Antonio. Transferred to the Department of Agriculture in Sonora in 1949, he was recalled into the Korean Conflict. Following Korea, he returned to the Department of Agriculture and transferred to Hondo. As Conservation Technician, he has the responsibility of engineering practices and the application of work relative to all phases of conserving soil and water in the +MVS&WCD.



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Use proper grazing techniques on range

To achieve proper range use, about one-half of the better grass forage produced in a growing season is used for grazing of livestock and deer.

If more than half the forage produced annually is consumed by livestock, the grass plant begins to suffer. The other half of forage produced must remain on the ground to accumulate litter, mulch, maintain vigor, and restore the food reserves in the root system.

Rangeland, in a sense, is no different from cropland. Cropland without fertilizer, without a cover crop, without residue management from which there is a constant taking-away without putting anything back, will soon show poor production from a depleted soil.

BRUCE FOSTER . . . has greatly improved his range by brush management and rotating livestock to get proper grazing use of his better forage species. Proper use is obtained by leaving one-half of the current year's forage production. [SCS Photo]

Since it is impractical to fertilize rangeland commercially, nutrients must be given back to the soil. This can be done by leaving part of the forage produced to decay and add litter, mulch and organic matter. Leaving half the forage does more than provide its own fertilizer--it also serves as a good protective cover for the soil against water and wind erosion.

Under proper range use, there is also plenty of cover to keep the soil cool and productive. On bare and improperly used ranges, summer temperatures soar. Soil bacteria die, and further growth of the grasses is almost completely halted.

Maintaining proper cover on the range will greatly help the amount of infiltration of moisture received by rainfall. It is known that soil under a good cover of grass will take in as much as 8 inches of rain per hour; poor or non-existent cover allows the soil to take in only one-half inch per hour. For this reason many ranges are in need of rain again very shortly after good amounts of precipitation have fallen.

Since the grass plant's leaves act as factories to make plant food, a short overgrazed plant cannot take the proper elements from the air, water and soil as efficiently as a full sized, well-managed plant. In brief, overgrazed grass means short roots; and short roots could spell trouble in brief or prolonged drought such as the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District has often experienced.

The key to successful conservation ranching is a range that is properly used with good cover to prevent runoff and erosion, to allow greater water intake and storage, to prevent excessive evaporation, to give a sustained higher forage production, and to grow more vigorous plants more abundantly.

Remember that even Mother Nature does not give us something for nothing.

Sanitary Landfills

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manner. The sanitary landfill is a method of burying refuse in suitable soil areas.

A great deal of emphasis must be placed on the proper selection of suitable soil areas. Factors such as location of site relative to community buildings and roadways, surrounding land uses, haul distances and access roads are very important. Just as important is the topography of the area, geology, and the kind of soil involved. Soil properties that must be considered in evaluating a proposed sanitary landfill site are slope, depth, texture, permeability, drainage, stoniness or rockiness, and flood hazard. The sites development should be planned carefully to effeciently use the land available and to provide maximum protection against pollution and health hazard.

Two types of sanitary landfill are used--the trench type and the area type. In the trench type, a long narrow trench is dug and the solid waste is placed into the trench in layers with soil. For example, after about two feet of compressed waste is placed into the trench, a six-inch layer of soil is packed over it. This process is repeated until the trench is filled. It is recommended that a two-foot layer of soil be placed over the filled trench.

In the area type, the solid waste is placed on the soil surface, packed and then covered with a six-inch layer of packed soil. After a desired heighth is reached, two feet of soil is packed over the whole area.

The Soil Conservation Service, operating through locally governed Soil and Water Conservation Districts, has the responsibility for soil surveys throughout the country. These soil surveys furnish excellent guidance in the selection of suitable sites for sanitary landfills. The Soil Conservation Service is presently assisting many local governments and others on inventories and evaluations of sites for future development of sanitary landfills.

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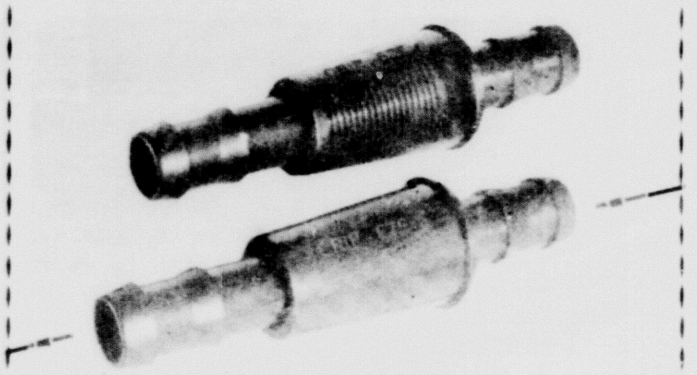

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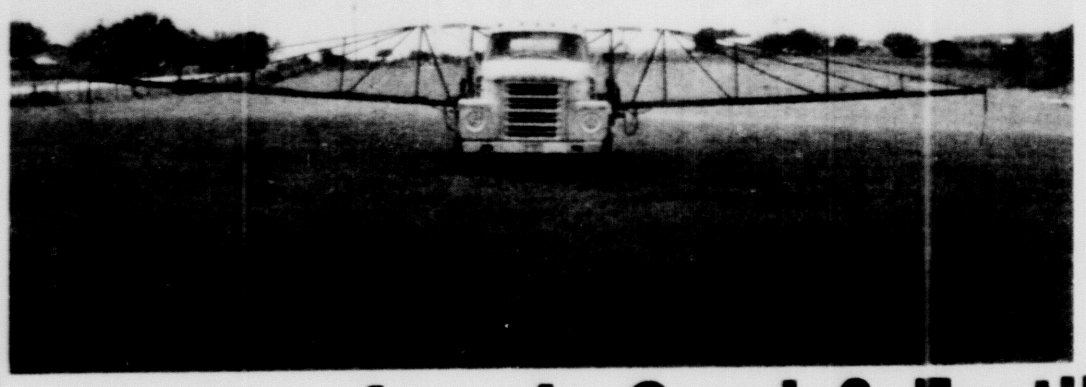

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The label approves Tordon 225 for the control of mesquite. However, research substantiate good to excellent control of many brush species, particularly blackbrush, granjeno, twisted acacia, small huisache, catclaw, tasajillo and prickly pear. Species not effectively controlled by present recommended rates include lotebrush, agrito, Texas persimmon and whitebrush.

Recommended treatment for mesquite calls for use of 2 quarts of Tordon mixture per acre in South applied cost would be about $9 per acre.

Brush control must be followed by caretul range management if it is to pay. A sprayed pasture should be deferred for at least one growing season to give the grass time to re-establish itself. This should be followed by sensible stocking and deferred or rotation grazing systems to maximize grass and livestock production.

It is hard to earn a profit on any kind of rangeland during a drought. But it is certain that even in droughty years grass will do better without competition from brush.

MESQUITE CONTROL WITH TORDON 225

Harlan Wolff

. . . lives in Hondo and owns 381 acres in the D'Hanis area. He leases other land on which he farms and runs cattle. Harlan was elected District Director of Area 2 in 1970. This year Harlan was elected chairman of the Medina Valley S&WCD board and represents the board of the RC&D County Committee of which he is chairman. Besides being a full time farmer he is a licensed surveyer

Franklin Muennink

. . . lives in Hondo and was elected District Director in 1971 for Area 3 of the Medina Valley S&WCD. He owns and operates a thousand acres and has two irrigation wells on his place. Franklin irrigates corn and coastal bermudagrass. He has a diversified farming program.

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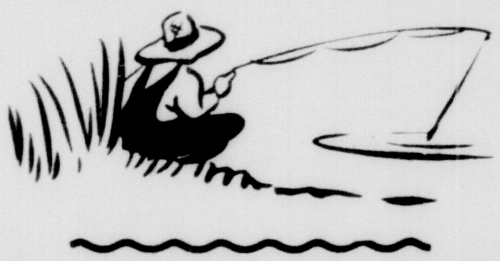

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James O. Evans is chosen 'Outstanding Conservationist'

The Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District chose James O. Evans, Jr. as the "Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist for 1972". James manages the 5,000 acre Peachtree Ranch, where he has developed a sound livestock and wildlife management program.

All natural predators and non-game animals are protected on the ranch. James says that these animals, though it may not be readily apparent, have their own very important ecological functions.

Though certain species are protected, every effort is made to manage and harvest deer and turkey along scientific lines. The Hahn deer census technique is used to estimate the deer density, fawn survival, and sex ratios on the ranch. This technique involves walking a line on which the distance is measured and the average width that deer can be seen is known and recording all deer seen.

Census data shows that the ranch is overstocked with deer and has an unbalanced sex ratio, which is common for the area. James is trying to increase the body size of the deer and improve the sex ratio.

To do this he has started a program to harvest does heavily and shoot only a few selected bucks. His biological salesmanship is apparent when speaking to his hunters. He has convinced buck-only hunters to takes does.

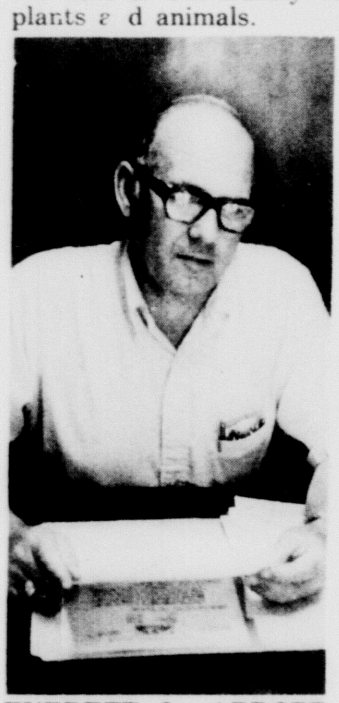
Several of these hunters now will only take doe deer in order to improve the sex ratio and control the population. Body condition, weight and age are determined by James as well as past reproductive success of does.

The harvest program he developed is showing good results in that the buck-to-doe ratio, weight, and antler size are increasing. The buck killed with the most points in the county was taken on the ranch last year.

Turkeys are also given careful management consideration. All hunting and human activity are restricted in the turkey roost area. James has placed timed grain feeders around the roost area to provide the turkey with some food in the morning and in the evening. The feeders are used to entice turkeys to use the safety of the roost area. This practice has increased the size of the flock and increased the turkey harvest on the ranch.

When he is not working with cattle or wildlife James finds time for wildlife photography, which is his favorite hobby. His excellent wildlife photographs appear in newspapers and tell a story of something that can be done to improve the natural community of plants and animals.

JAMES O. EVANS, JR. . . . adjusting the timing mechanism on a feeder. The feeder is located near a turkey roost site. The roost and the area adjacent to it are protected from hunting and any other human use that might disturb the birds. By providing supplemental food and protecting the roosting site, James maintains a resident flock of turkey on the ranch. [SCS Photo]



EVERETT L. ABBOTT, District Conservationist. He began work for the Soil Conservation Service October of 1946 at Pecos, Texas. After a year in the Pecos Field Office, he was transferred to Monahans, Texas and stayed there until 1952. He then spent four years at Eagle Pass before moving to Hondo in 1956. He is a graduate of Bradshaw High School, and Sul Ross University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Animal Husbandry. His area of responsibility covers the entire Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District.

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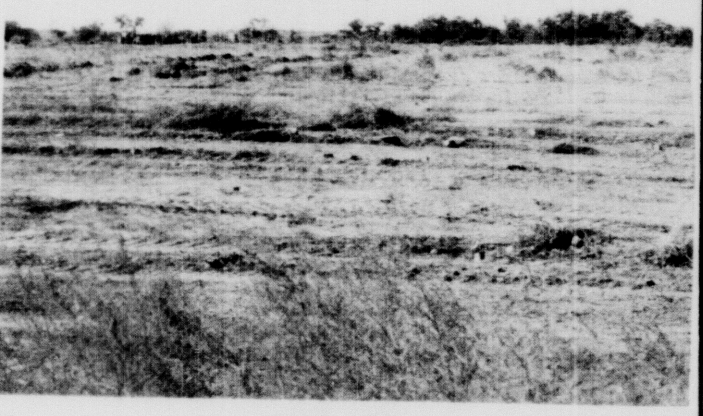

FILL IT UP

By Jack W. Stevens
Soil Scientist, SCS
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"Sanitary Landfill" is a new name for the old city dump. Many dumps or dump grounds, as some people know them, still exist, but with the new emphasis on pollution controls, the sanitary landfill is rapidly taking hold. As the population has increased in most communities, so has the solid waste increased. More waste, with fewer places to put it, has become a real problem to many communities.

According to the Environmental Thrust Handbook of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the average American throws away about one ton of solid waste each year or about 5 to 7 pounds each day. More than 70 percent of this solid waste is dumped on the land in an unsightly and unsanitary manner. Open and burning dumps are common across the country. These dumps, aside from being so unsightly, contribute to air and water pollution and provide food, shelter and breeding grounds for rats, flies and other disease carriers.

The major objectives of the sanitary method of solid waste disposal according to the U.S.D.A. are (1) to eliminate health hazards by controlling disease carriers such as rats, flies, etc. (2) to eliminate air pollution from burning trash, (3) to eliminate or reduce surface water or ground water pollution by selection of appropriate sites, (4) to improve the looks of the area by eliminating unsightly dumps and establishing parks, recreation areas, and wildlife areas on completed landfill sites.

The disposal of solid waste is not a new problem. The sanitary aspect of the disposal of solid waste is relatively new, however. The sanitary landfill is presently one of the best known methods of disposing of solid waste in a reasonably sanitary

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Nutrition is key to deer management

Frank Silvey

. . . lives on his farm about 5 miles west of Devine on Farm Road 2200. He was elected District Director of the Medina Valley S&WCD in 1962, in Area 4. In the past Frank has represented the District on the Alamo Area Council of Governments. Since becoming director, Frank has attended the State Association of SCD seven times and represented the district board in many ways. Frank has three irrigation wells and produces peanuts, grain sorghums, coastal bermudagrass, and watermelons on his 1453 acres.

BRUSH CONTROL STRIPS . . . provide excellent areas for locating hunting blinds from which clean kills can be made. These areas also provide additional forage for livestock and game. [SCS Photo]

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"If this nation is to hold the basis for its future greatness, each generation must preserve and enhance the soil resources for use of generations to come." --Chester C. Davis.

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In order to raise trophy animals and have reproduction, body nutrient requirements must be met.

There are several general indicators of nutritional deficiencies.

Generally speaking, malnutrition is evidenced by deer actively feeding throughout the day, everyday.

Deer, like domestic livestock, will spend no more time feeding than is necessary to fill their stomachs. Under normal conditions, deer will feed early and late. Continual searching for food is a sign of poor food conditions.

Deer on a low nutritional plane are obviously not as "wild" and alert as healthy, well-fed animals. Their fear of man is lost due to the urgent need to obtain sufficient food to survive. An example of this, often seen, is deer feeding along major highways during daylight hours with no regard or fear of the passing automobiles.

Herds subject to prolonged malnutrition show a decline in physical condition. When deer are harvested from herds on a low nutritional plane and the carcasses are examined, they are found to have little or no fat reserves; their coats lack luster; and the bone structure may be seen through the skin.

A decline in size and weight of individuals also occurs.

An almost immediate symptom of inadequate nutrition is a decline in antler development and the size of antlers. Large numbers of spike bucks in the herd are also a sure sign of poor nutrition.

Normally, well-fed bucks will have pronged antlers each year. Antlers are true bone grown during a four to five-month period, and they represent the fastest deposition of bone tissue in the animal world. An abundance of food, high in minerals, is required for good antler growth.

All deer are subject to some internal and external parasites and diseases, but heavily infected animals usually also suffer from malnutrition. The parasite threat is expanded by the following factors:

Animals weakened by malnutrition are unable to resist the internal parasites and become disinterested in the grooming required to remain relatively free of external parasites.

Secondly, depleted ranges make grazing close to the ground inevitable and the chances of picking up stomach worms and other parasites are increased.

Also, the chances of spreading parasites by contact between individuals is greatly increased in dense population and around supplemental feeding areas.

If food conditions are poor, the requirements for body growth will be met first, and the growing antlers will get what is left over.

Bucks must have adequate nutrition during the antler growth period to produce antlers equivalent to their genetic capability.

Young animals require a greater quantity and quality of feed to produce antlers than do older deer. In other words, an 18-month to 2-year old requires more high-quality forage while he is growing than would a 5- to 6-year old deer which has attained his body growth.

A second measure of nutrition is that of quality. Food not only must be plentiful, but it must have high quality. Deer can have full stomachs of cedar leaves, live oak or corn and still be suffering from malnutrition.

When deer are forced to exist on an insufficient ration - either quantity or quality - their growth will be affected. Body weight fluctuates during the year. This is normal, even in well-fed animals. The animals do most of their growing during the summer and fall; therefore, it is very important that the food supply be adequate during this time.

Since nutritional requirements of the deer must be supplied by the range vegetation, it is important to know which plants are preferred forage species.

A knowledge of deer and livestock food habits is necessary in order to plan a good management system and to recognize when competition for food exists. If severe competition exists between livestock and game, it will show up in body growth.

Deer growth as measured by body weight is not constant but seasonal. Most growth occurs during the summer and during the fall before the breeding season begins. During the breeding season, food consumption is reduced and body fat reserves are utilized to maintain breeding activities.

Bucks forced to exist on low-energy or low-protein rations throughout their growing years never reach the body size that deer on full rations attain.

The amount of forage consumed per day by male deer varies with seasons. Forage consumption starts to increase about April and continues to increase until the beginning of the breeding season in October. When breeding activity begins, food consumption drops drastically to a minimum maintenance diet. The growth of the deer also corresponds to the same pattern.

For this reason, the summer is probably the most critical period of the year for the deer.

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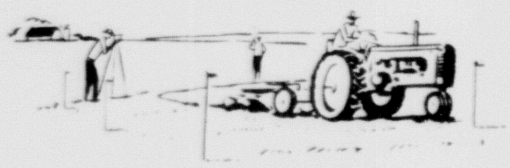

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The label approves Tordon 225 for the control of mesquite. However, research substantiate good to excellent control of many brush species, particularly blackbrush, granjeno, twisted acacia, small huisache, catclaw, tasajillo and prickly pear. Species not effectively controlled by present recommended rates include lotebrush, agrito, Texas persimmon and whitebrush.

Recommended treatment for mesquite calls for use of 2 quarts of Tordon mixture per acre in South applied cost would be about $9 per acre.

Brush control must be followed by careful range management if it is to pay. A sprayed pasture should be deferred for at least one growing season to give the grass time to re-establish itself. This should be followed by sensible stocking and deferred or rotation grazing systems to maximize grass and livestock production.

It is hard to earn a profit on any kind of rangeland during a drought. But it is certain that even in droughty years grass will do better without competition from brush.

MESQUITE CONTROL WITH TORDON 225

Harlan Wolff

. . . lives in Hondo and owns 381 acres in the D'Hanis area. He leases other land on which he farms and runs cattle. Harlan was elected District Director of Area 2 in 1970. This year Harlan was elected chairman of the Medina Valley S&WCD board and represents the board of the RC&D County Committee of which he is chairman. Besides being a full time farmer he is a licensed surveyer

Franklin Muennink

. . . lives in Hondo and was elected District Director in 1971 for Area 3 of the Medina Valley S&WCD. He owns and operates a thousand acres and has two irrigation wells on his place. Franklin irrigates corn and coastal bermudagrass. He has a diversified farming program.

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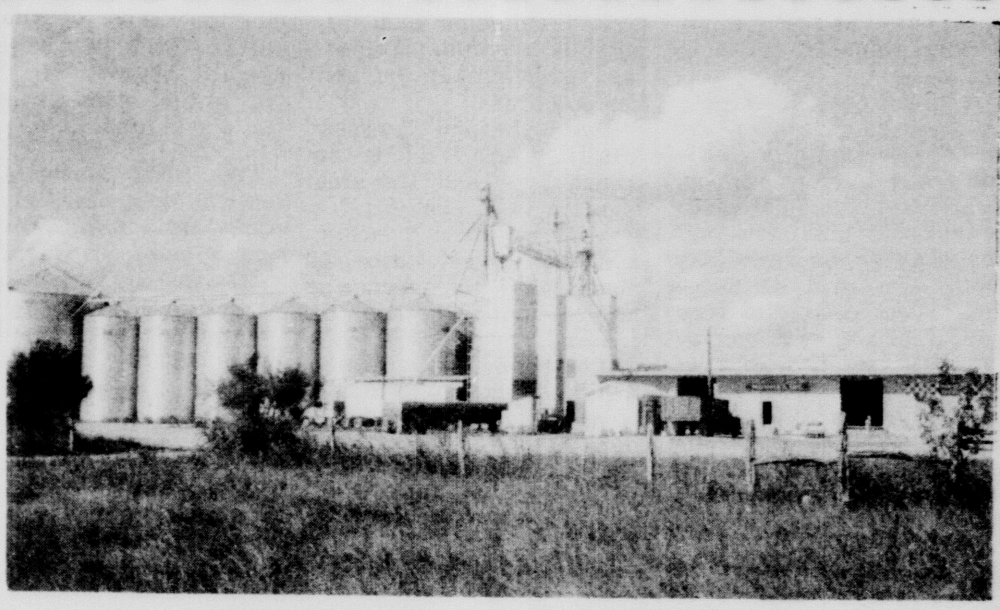

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James O. Evans is chosen 'Outstanding Conservationist'

The Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District chose James O. Evans, Jr. as the "Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist for 1972". James manages the 5,000 acre Peachtree Ranch, where he has developed a sound livestock and wildlife management program.

All natural predators and non-game animals are protected on the ranch. James says that these animals, though it may not be readily apparent, have their own very important ecological functions.

Though certain species are protected, every effort is made to manage and harvest deer and turkey along scientific lines. The Hahn deer census technique is used to estimate the deer density, fawn survival, and sex ratios on the ranch. This technique involves walking a line on which the distance is measured and the average width that deer can be seen is known and recording all deer seen.

Census data shows that the ranch is overstocked with deer and has an unbalanced sex ratio, which is common for the area. James is trying to increase the body size of the deer and improve the sex ratio.

To do this he has started a program to harvest does heavily and shoot only a few selected bucks. His biological salesmanship is apparent when speaking to his hunters. He has convinced buck-only hunters to takes does.

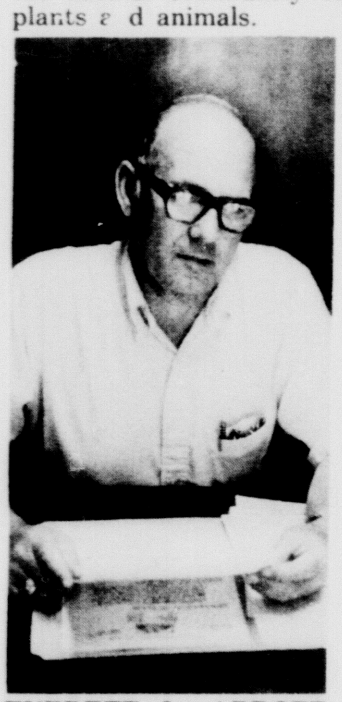
Several of these hunters now will only take doe deer in order to improve the sex ratio and control the population. Body condition, weight and age are determined by James as well as past reproductive success of does.

The harvest program he developed is showing good results in that the buck-to-doe ratio, weight, and antler size are increasing. The buck killed with the most points in the county was taken on the ranch last year.

Turkeys are also given careful management consideration. All hunting and human activity are restricted in the turkey roost area. James has placed timed grain feeders around the roost area to provide the turkey with some food in the morning and in the evening. The feeders are used to entice turkeys to use the safety of the roost area. This practice has increased the size of the flock and increased the turkey harvest on the ranch.

When he is not working with cattle or wildlife James finds time for wildlife photography, which is his favorite hobby. His excellent wildlife photographs appear in newspapers and tell a story of something that can be done to improve the natural community of plants and animals.

JAMES O. EVANS, JR. . . . adjusting the timing mechanism on a feeder. The feeder is located near a turkey roost site. The roost and the area adjacent to it are protected from hunting and any other human use that might disturb the birds. By providing supplemental food and protecting the roosting site, James maintains a resident flock of turkey on the ranch. [SCS Photo]



EVERETT L. ABBOTT, District Conservationist. He began work for the Soil Conservation Service October of 1946 at Pecos, Texas. After a year in the Pecos Field Office, he was transferred to Monahans, Texas and stayed there until 1952. He then spent four years at Eagle Pass before moving to Hondo in 1956. He is a graduate of Bradshaw High School, and Sul Ross University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Animal Husbandry. His area of responsibility covers the entire Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District.

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"The dimensions of the resource job we face are staggering. Land today has new values beyond the production of food and fiber. It is looked upon as a source of community stability and economic growth, as the development base for new jobs, for recreational opportunities, for living and working space and other benefits that relate to nonfarm as well as to farm and ranch people." --Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

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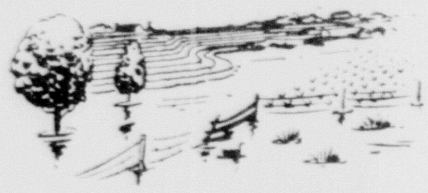

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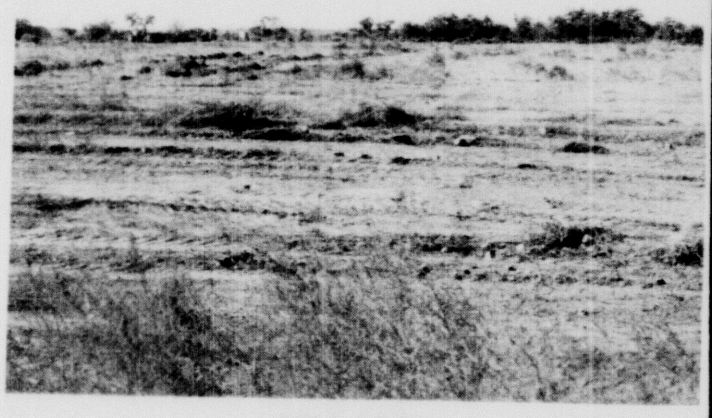

FILL IT UP

By Jack W. Stevens
Soil Scientist, SCS
Uvalde Texas

"Sanitary Landfill" is a new name for the old city dump. Many dumps or dump grounds, as some people know them, still exist, but with the new emphasis on pollution controls, the sanitary landfill is rapidly taking hold. As the population has increased in most communities, so has the solid waste increased. More waste, with fewer places to put it, has become a real problem to many communities.

According to the Environmental Thrust Handbook of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the average American throws away about one ton of solid waste each year or about 5 to 7 pounds each day. More than 70 percent of this solid waste is dumped on the land in an unsightly and unsanitary manner. Open and burning dumps are common across the country. These dumps, aside from being so unsightly, contribute to air and water pollution and provide food, shelter and breeding grounds for rats, flies and other disease carriers.

The major objectives of the sanitary method of solid waste disposal according to the U.S.D.A. are (1) to eliminate health hazards by controlling disease carriers such as rats, flies, etc. (2) to eliminate air pollution from burning trash, (3) to eliminate or reduce surface water or ground water pollution by selection of appropriate sites, (4) to improve the looks of the area by eliminating unsightly dumps and establishing parks, recreation areas, and wildlife areas on completed landfill sites.

The disposal of solid waste is not a new problem. The sanitary aspect of the disposal of solid waste is relatively new, however. The sanitary landfill is presently one of the best known methods of disposing of solid waste in a reasonably sanitary

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Nutrition is key to deer management

Frank Silvey

. . . lives on his farm about 5 miles west of Devine on Farm Road 2200. He was elected District Director of the Medina Valley S&WCD in 1962, in Area 4. In the past Frank has represented the District on the Alamo Area Council of Governments. Since becoming director, Frank has attended the State Association of SCD seven times and represented the district board in many ways. Frank has three irrigation wells and produces peanuts, grain sorghums, coastal bermudagrass, and watermelons on his 1453 acres.

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"If this nation is to hold the basis for its future greatness, each generation must preserve and enhance the soil resources for use of generations to come." --Chester C. Davis.

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BRUSH CONTROL STRIPS . . . provide excellent areas for locating hunting blinds from which clean kills can be made. These areas also provide additional forage for livestock and game. [SCS Photo]

In order to raise trophy animals and have reproduction, body nutrient requirements must be met.

There are several general indicators of nutritional deficiencies.

Generally speaking, malnutrition is evidenced by deer actively feeding throughout the day, everyday.

Deer, like domestic livestock, will spend no more time feeding than is necessary to fill their stomachs. Under normal conditions, deer will feed early and late. Continual searching for food is a sign of poor food conditions.

Deer on a low nutritional plane are obviously not as "wild" and alert as healthy, well-fed animals. Their fear of man is lost due to the urgent need to obtain sufficient food to survive. An example of this, often seen, is deer feeding along major highways during daylight hours with no regard or fear of the passing automobiles.

Herds subject to prolonged malnutrition show a decline in physical condition. When deer are harvested from herds on a low nutritional plane and the carcasses are examined, they are found to have little or no fat reserves; their coats lack luster; and the bone structure may be seen through the skin.

A decline in size and weight of individuals also occurs.

An almost immediate symptom of inadequate nutrition is a decline in antler development and the size of antlers. Large numbers of spike bucks in the herd are also a sure sign of poor nutrition.

Normally, well-fed bucks will have pronged antlers each year. Antlers are true bone grown during a four to five-month period, and they represent the fastest deposition of bone tissue in the animal world. An abundance of food, high in minerals, is required for good antler growth.

All deer are subject to some internal and external parasites and diseases, but heavily infected animals usually also suffer from malnutrition. The parasite threat is expanded by the following factors:

Animals weakened by malnutrition are unable to resist the internal parasites and become disinterested in the grooming required to remain relatively free of external parasites.

Secondly, depleted ranges make grazing close to the ground inevitable and the chances of picking up stomach worms and other parasites are increased.

Also, the chances of spreading parasites by contact between individuals is greatly increased in dense population and around supplemental feeding areas.

If food conditions are poor, the requirements for body growth will be met first, and the growing antlers will get what is left over.

Bucks must have adequate nutrition during the antler growth period to produce antlers equivalent to their genetic capability.

Young animals require a greater quantity and quality of feed to produce antlers than do older deer. In other words, an 18-month to 2-year old requires more high-quality forage while he is growing than would a 5- to 6-year old deer which has attained his body growth.

A second measure of nutrition is that of quality. Food not only must be plentiful, but it must have high quality. Deer can have full stomachs of cedar leaves, live oak or corn and still be suffering from malnutrition.

When deer are forced to exist on an insufficient ration - either quantity or quality - their growth will be affected. Body weight fluctuates during the year. This is normal, even in well-fed animals. The animals do most of their growing during the summer and fall; therefore, it is very important that the food supply be adequate during this time.

Since nutritional requirements of the deer must be supplied by the range vegetation, it is important to know which plants are preferred forage species.

A knowledge of deer and livestock food habits is necessary in order to plan a good management system and to recognize when competition for food exists. If severe competition exists between livestock and game, it will show up in body growth.

Deer growth as measured by body weight is not constant but seasonal. Most growth occurs during the summer and during the fall before the breeding season begins. During the breeding season, food consumption is reduced and body fat reserves are utilized to maintain breeding activities.

Bucks forced to exist on low-energy or low-protein rations throughout their growing years never reach the body size that deer on full rations attain.

The amount of forage consumed per day by male deer varies with seasons. Forage consumption starts to increase about April and continues to increase until the beginning of the breeding season in October. When breeding activity begins, food consumption drops drastically to a minimum maintenance diet. The growth of the deer also corresponds to the same pattern.

For this reason, the summer is probably the most critical period of the year for the deer.

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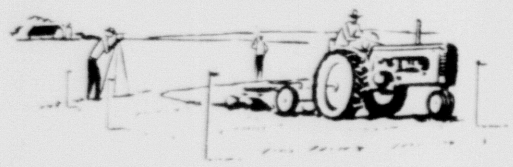
"The history of every nation is eventually written in the way in which it cares for its soil." --Franklin D. Roosevelt.



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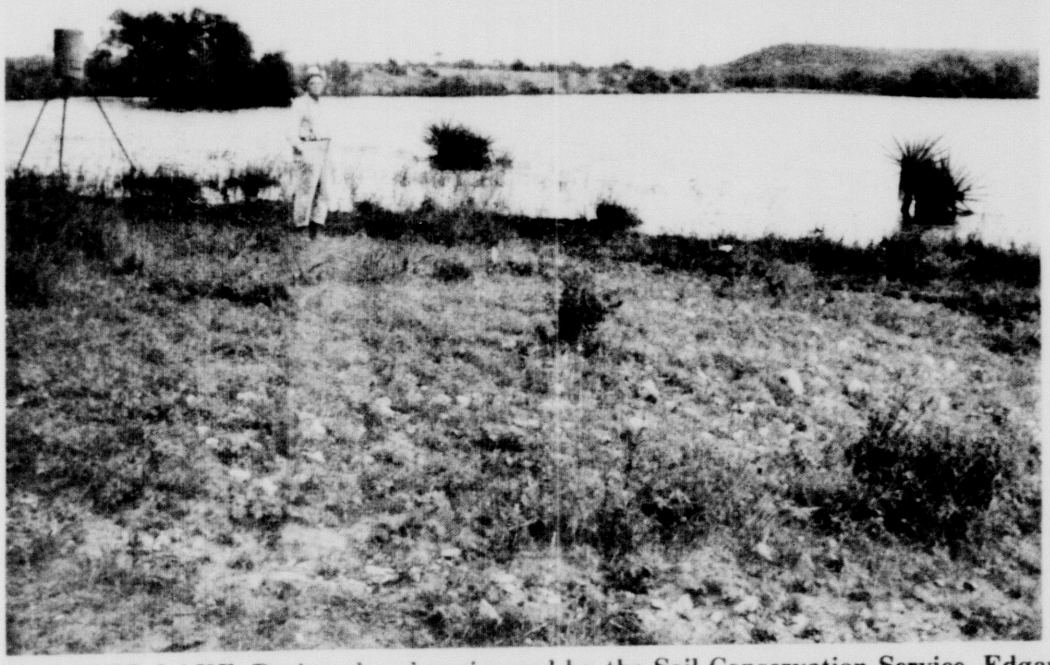

STIEGLER LAKE--Designed and engineered by the Soil Conservation Service, Edgar Stiegler's lake provides adequate water for livestock and plenty fish for good recreation. The lake also prevents erosion of the area below the dam. Stiegler is sure it was a good investment.

Pond safety should be YOUR concern

Ponds, like any body of water, attract people. When the two come together, there always is chance of a drowning or boating accident.

"Ponds are an asset to the environment and have many uses," Everett Abbott, District Conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Hondo, stated.

"During the past 30 years, Texas landowners have built more than 350,000 ponds as part of their soil and water conservation plans. Some 1,000 have been built in the Medina County area."

"Families and friends are attracted to ponds because they are nice places to picnic, swim, boat or fish," Abbott said. "But the small boy passing by who is attracted by the water may do almost anything. This is why keeping ponds safe is so important."

Here are some pond safety suggestions listed by E. L. Abbott:

* Before construction, find out about your liability. You may need to protect yourself with insurance and have your pond built by a reliable contractor who will follow engineering specifications.

* During construction, remove trees, brush and anything else that might hinder safe boating or swimming. Eliminate sudden dropoffs and deep holes in the swimmng area.

* Once a pond is completed, mark the safe swimming areas and put warning signs at danger points. Tell swimmers not to swim alone, and post safety instructions for swiming and boating. Use boats that will float if swamped or capsized, and earn swimmers and boaters to stay out of ponds during storms and when spillways are flowing. Above all, recognize that farm ponds are hazards to small children.

"Your farm or ranch pond can be a source of enjoyment as well as profit, BUT ONLY IF IT IS SAFE," Abbott concluded. A helpful leaflet, **Make Your Farm Pond Safe**, PA 396, is available from local Soil Conservation Service offices.

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"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important service can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." --George Washington.

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"Nothing, in my opinion, would contribute more to the welfare of the States than the proper management of the lands." --George Washington.

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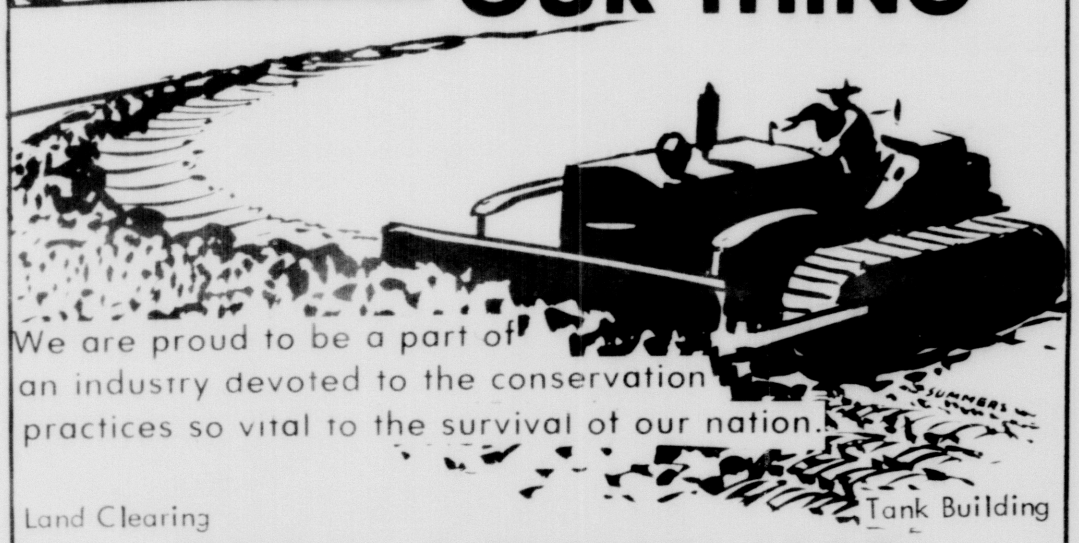

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Grasses, like all green plants, live and grow on food manufactured primarily in their own green leaves. Ranges, pastures, lawns, or other grass crops can flourish and conserve soil only as the individual plants have an opportunity to make food for their own growth.

Plant food is manufactured in the leaves and not, as many people suppose, drawn from the roots or the soil. The plant gets the "raw materials" to make food from the soil and the air. Because the plant's "food factory" is above the ground, grazing, mowing or clipping promptly stops production to the extent that green foliage is removed.

These are the main steps in manufacturing food within a grass plant. Anyone who cares for grass--rancher, farmer,lawn -keeper--needs to know something about this process.

Water, entering the soil, forms a film around each soil particle and dissolves some of the minerals present.

Tiny root hairs come in contact with these films of water and absorb the mineral solution.

A network of small roots carries this mineral solution to the main roots.

The roots transport it to the stems; stems carry it to the leaves.

Plants use phosphorous, nitrogen, potash, calcium, magnesium and sulfur in large quantities to manufacture their food. They use other minerals such as iron, manganese, molybdenum, copper, boron and zinc in only small quantities but must have them for good plant growth.

All these minerals are in the solution the roots carry to the "plant food factory" inside the leaves.

Minerals from the soil make up about 5 percent of the solid material in plant roots, stems, seeds and leaves. Carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water make up most of the other 95 percent.

The leaves take in carbon dioxide from the air through tiny pores. Using energy from the sun, the leaves recombine the carbon with oxygen and hydrogen to make sugars, starches and fiber. The sugars then combine with mineral elements from the soil to make proteins, plant oils and fats. Unused oxygen and water vapor escape through the leaf pores.

The plant uses sugars, starches, proteins, oils and fats to grow and reproduce itself. Animals get these foods when they eat the foliage or seeds.

A perennial grass stores food in its roots after it has made the season's main growth. It uses these reserves to live on while the plant is dormant, to make the first growth next season, and to start new growth after green leaves and stems are closely grazed or cut.

The ability of perennial grasses to recover quickly after grazing or mowing makes these plants especially valuable for forage production and soil conservation. This same ability often deceives the user of grass into thinking he can repeatedly remove any amount of leaves without injury.

What happens to grass plants that repeatedly lose their green leaves during the growing season? Since no "food factories" are left to receive and combine the raw materials from the soil and air, the plant keeps drawing on food stored in the roots to grow new leaves. It robs the storehouse until the supply is exhausted and then dies of starvation.

Research shows that many grasses will not reach their maximum vigor and growth when more than half their leaf surface is removed by frequent grazing or mowing.

Repeated removal of green foliage causes a corresponding reduction in the plant root system. Top growth that is kept small cannot feed a large root system; neither can a stunted root system supply enough raw materials to support a large growth of stems and leaves.

A grass cover that is weak does not make efficient use of soil moisture and nutrients. As a result it does not provide the maximum amount of livestock feed. And it is not able to protect the soil from erosion by wind or water.

A dense cover of grass protects the soil from the battering, splashing action of rain. The leaves break up the raindrops and allow more water to soak into the soil, thus preventing erosion, conserving moisture for plant growth and restoring underground water supplies.

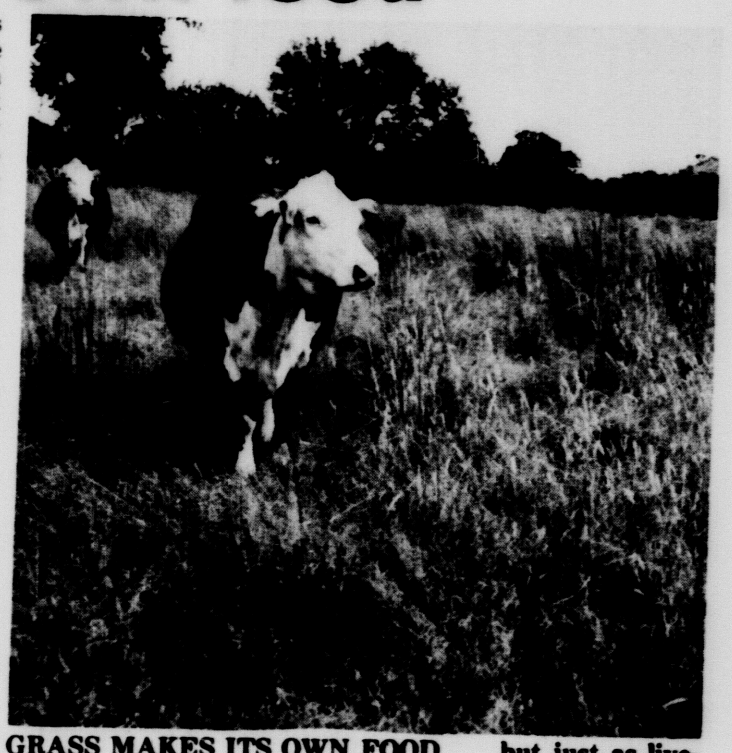
The higher and denser the grass, the better it shades the soil and keeps it cool. This reduces loss of water by evaporation and enables grass to grow better in hot weather.

For every pound of growth above ground most grasses produce a pound or more of roots. Some of the better forage grasses send their roots down 10 to 15 feet. Some lawn grasses may penetrate as deep as 3 to 4 feet.

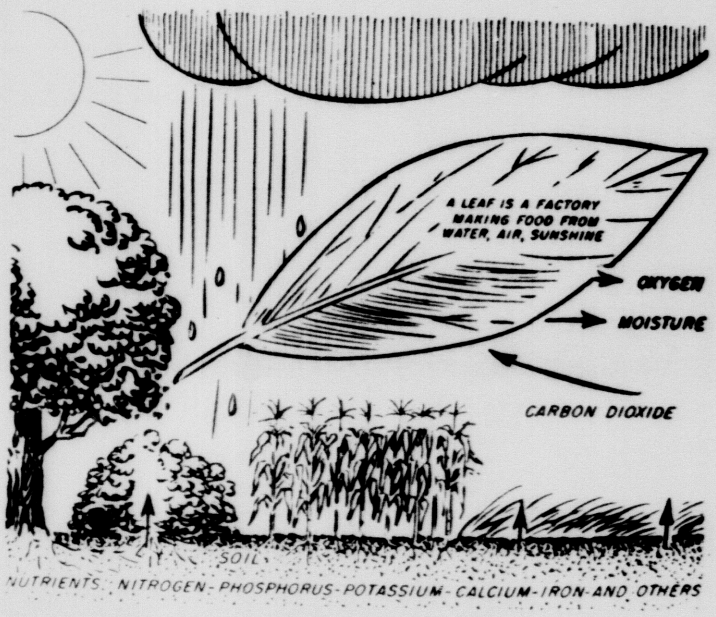
Decaying grass roots, leaves, and stems and the manure produced by grazing animals supply organic matter to the soil. This maintains its tilth and fertility, makes it more absorptive and reduces erosion. To the extent that grass reduces the amount of water running off the land, it helps reduce floods.

During the drought of the 1930's and again in the 1950's wind erosion occurred largely on land that had little or not plant cover because of cultivation or too close grazing. Wind-tunnel studies have shown that a good growth of grass breaks the force of the wind before it can reach the ground and move the grains of soil.

Thus, the man who values grass sees to it that his "food factory" is large enough. Everywhere, grass plants must have adequate green leaves to survive and grow.



GRASS MAKES ITS OWN FOOD . . . but just as livestock need grass, grass needs proper management. [SCS Photo]



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Top bermuda mileage

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versity plots, first-year plantings of Alicia produced quicker and more complete ground cover than Coastal. "Alicia is more winter-hardy than Coastcross 1 and seems to be fully as hardy as Coastal in North Louisiana," says. Monroe, Extension agronomist at LSU.

"We advise growers who want to try Alicia to establish small plantings. If it proves to be superior on their farms, they can quickly establish more acreage."

Public research data on Alicia is limited and preliminary. In University of Florida tests, Alicia and Coastal yielded about the same in 1971 on soils that tended to be a little wet.

Last year, Coastal produced 9,967 pounds dry matter per acre and Alicia yielded 8,627 pounds. Alicia started earlier in spring but slowed down more than Coastal in fall, says Dr. O. C. Ruelke, forage researcher who conducted the Florida tests. He says Coastal consistently ran 4 to 6 percentage points higher in dry matter digestibility, a measure of feeding value.

Similar results show up in Mississippi State University tests. During 1971 and 1972, Coastal and Alicia yields ran nip-and-tuck. In dry matter digestibility, Coastal ran 3 to 5 percentage points higher.

In preliminary first-year tests at University of Tennessee at Martin, Alicia yielded about half as much dry matter per acre as Coastal or Midland. All varieties were planted during May and received identical treatment in ploys.

"It appears we're too far north for Alicia to do its best," says Dr. Duck, who conducted the tests.

"We established Alicia and Coastal quite easily from fresh, long hay cuttings," says Dr. Vance Watson, Mississippi State Univesity agronomist.

"We had no trouble getting good sod established six weeks after planting with adequate moisture. Alicia produced spring growth 7 to 12 days earlier than Coastal.

"We are testing Alicia and other varieties at different locations across the state," Watson adds.

"With additional testing, we can pinpoint top varieties for each area and the kind of management each variety needs for best performance."

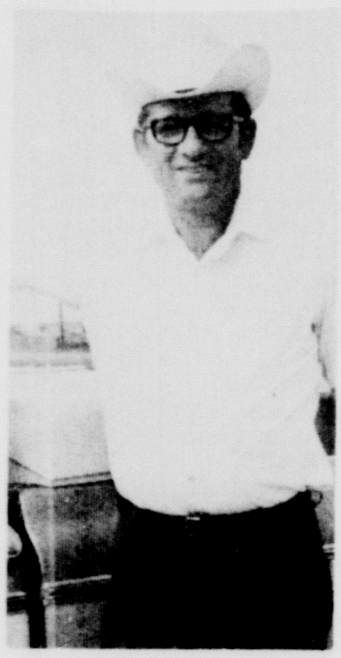
Other bermudagrass selections are useful for specific situations.

NK-37, released by Northrup, King & Co., is an erect, giant bermudagrass that is reproduced from seed.

Susceptible to leaf diseases, it is best adapted to dry areas of South Texas, Arizona, and California where it is highly productive under irrigation and heavy fertilization.

Zimmerly Select is grown in scattered locations in the Southwest; Texas A&M data indicates it is less productive than Coastal.

Greenfield is an improved Oklahoma Experiment Station selection of common bermuda. While generally less productive than Midland, it does establish better on some tight clay soils in Oklahoma.



LLoyd Hardt

. . . lives in Hondo; he owns and leases 2779 acres. He owns and operates the Hondo Livestock Auction besides being a full time stock farmer. Lloyd was elected to the District board in 1969 for Area 1 and is now Secretary-Treasurer. Lloyd has represented the Local and State SCD board in Austin, when the Legislature is in session, to make sure laws are not passed that will be harmful to the landowners. Lloyd is also a member of the Hondo Independent School District board.

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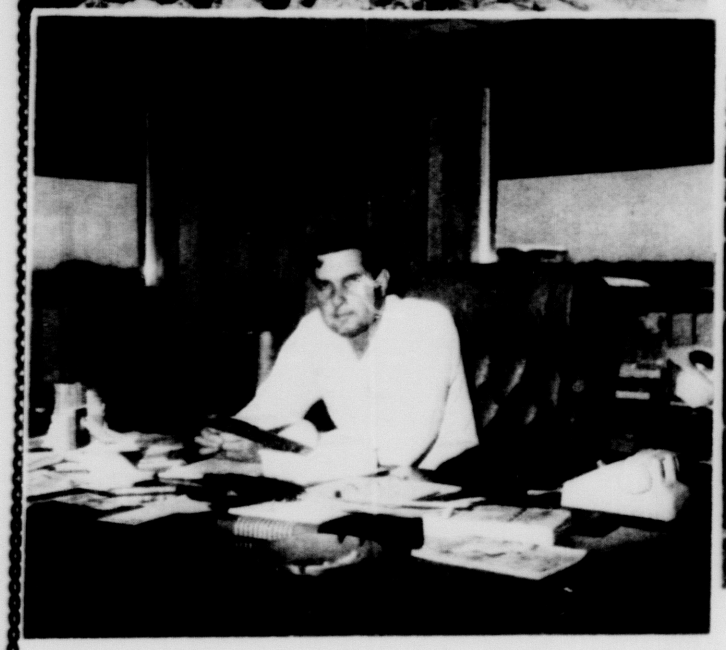

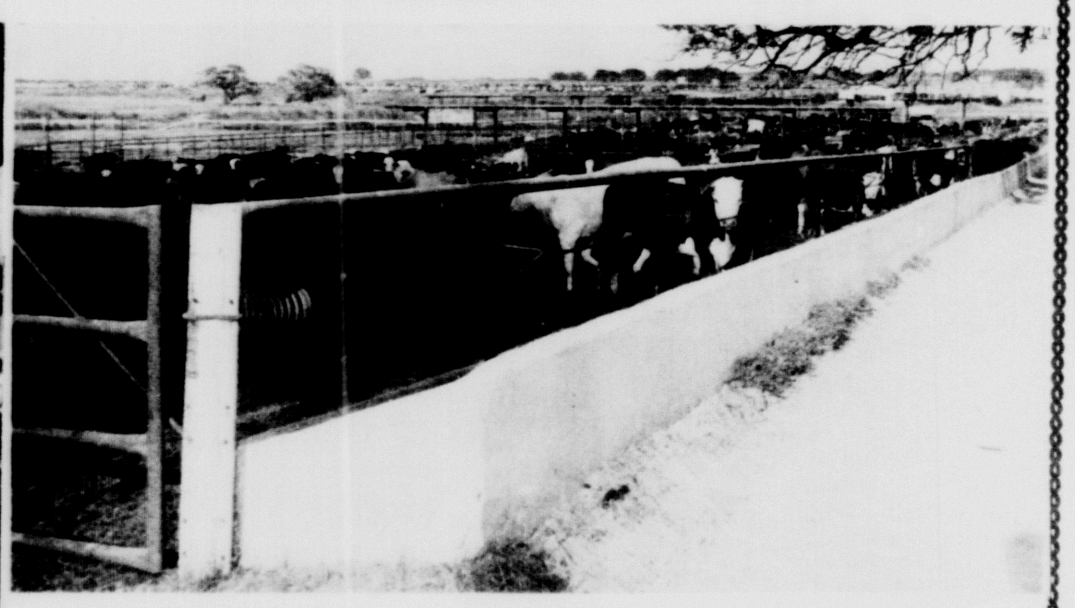

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Land use planning is state and local responsibility

Land use policy is a basic responsibility of state and local governments. They are closer to the problems and closer to the people. Some localities are already reforming land use regulations--a trend I hope will accelerate. But because land is a national heritage, the Federal Government must exercise leadership in land use decision processes, and I am . . . proposing that we provide it. ——**President Richard M. Nixon, Address to Congress, February 15, 1973.**

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man, nor for us to reap from it the esthetic harvest it is capable, under science, of contributing to culture. ——**Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac.**

Conservationists describe the changing attitude toward land by saying that land should be considered a resource rather than a commodity. But while this correctly indicates the direction of the change, it ignores the crucial importance of our constitutional right to own land and to buy and sell it freely. It is essential that land be treated as both a resource and a commodity. The right to move throughout the country and buy and sell land in the process is an essential element in the mobility and flexibility our society needs to adjust to the rapid changes of our times. ——**"The Quiet Revolution in Land Use Control", Council on Environmental Quality.**

Instead of laying down an arbitrary design for a region, it might be in order to find the plan that nature has already laid down. One way would be to chart all of th physical resources of the region--especially its drainage network--and see what kind of picture emerges. ——**William H. Whyte, from "The Last Landscape".**

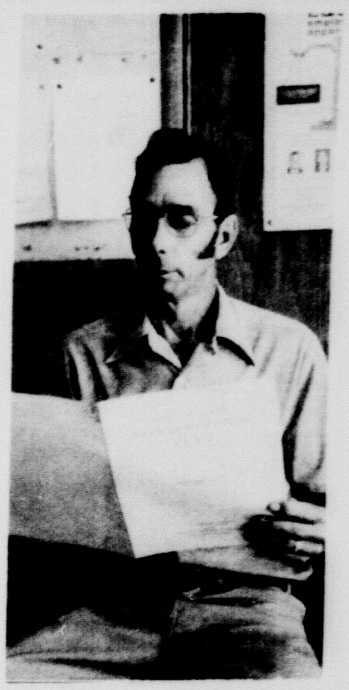
If planning is to mean anything, then it must be effective; and this means it must prevent some people from doing what they would otherwise choose, or must push others, into doing what they would prefer not to do, or both. This country urgently needs forms of land use control, stronger than zoning, that are truly effective, can exert their effects promptly and are democratic in imposition and operation. In my view, one of the best candidates is a new form of public land ownership with some unit of government acquiring land from present owners and serving as the mechanism for transferring the use and control over the land to new owners and users. ——**Marion Clawson, Resources for the Future Inc., at the Nat'l. Conference on Land Use Policy, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 1972.**

Most planners in the U. S. have been trained as urban planners. Most of the comprehensive planning that has been done has been done in urban areas. It is important as we extend the planning process to rural areas and to matters dealing with land and other natural resources to be certain that there is input from those who have the most background in this area. ——**Statement by the National Association of Consevation Districts to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.**

In the decade of the seventies, the regulation and control of land use will be extended beyond anything we have experienced in this field to date . . . To a large extent, the controversy will center on two very practical questions: (1) Can private land uses be controlled for public benefits and purposes? and (2) Does the owner of open or rural land have a right to a monetary profit, not simply from the productivity of his land and his managerial inputs, but from the unearned increments due to fortuitous location and population growth or movements -- urbanization. For land use regulations and controls to be carried out effectively, the first question will have to be answered YES, and the second question NO. ——**Norman Wengert, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University at the National Land Use Policy Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 1972.**

From now on, when we build a road, or a shopping center, or develop a residential neighborhood, we must know precisely what impact that building will have on our environment. In this effort, technical assistance of the kind SCS can provide will be valuable. ——**Governor Thomas J. Meskill of Connecticut, Speech of Nov. 16, 1972.**

In developing our land-use pattern, we have paid too little attention to the suitability of land for different purposes. On occasion we build a riverside park or preserve a strip of beach for public use, but generally short-term economics have governed land use. ——**Sterling Brubaker, from "To Live on Earth"**



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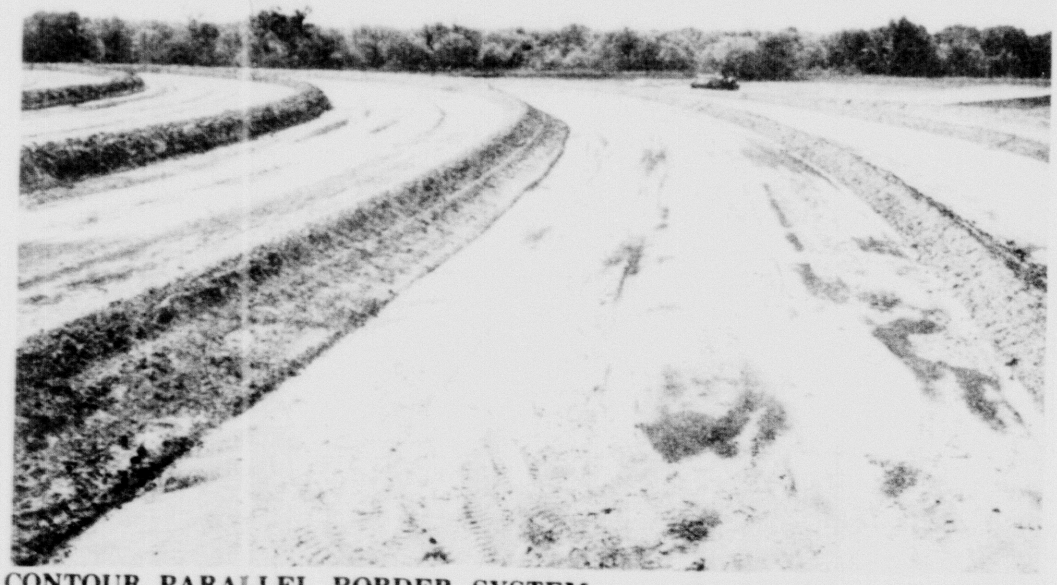
Irrigation takes careful planning

By Claude Thompson,
Agriculture Engineer, SCS

Efficient watering means the difference between profit and loss from irrigation. Applying water is costly even when it is efficiently applied. Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District cooperators believe in the use of this resource so strongly that they have invested over $6 million in wells, casing, pumps, motors, pipe, shaping land, and special tools and equipment to irrigate over 35,000 acres with ground water. The largest part of this land is used to grow corn and grain sorghum.

Figuring 7% interest on this investment for the expected life of the equipment, plus annual maintenance costs, the irrigation farmer has a total annual cost of over $18 per acre without even pumping one gallon of water.

Each inch of irrigation water he uses will cost the farmer about $1 per acre for power and labor. this cost will vary a lot, depending on how evenly the irrigation system distributes water, how much is wasted as runoff, and how much labor is required; but by the end of the irrigation season $30 to $50 per acre will be invested in whatever crop is being grown.



CONTOUR PARALLEL BORDER SYSTEM ... will allow this steep slope to become a productive part of this farm operation. [SCS Photo]

These costs are high regardless of production, so irrigation water must be efficiently applied. The net crop produced per inch of water applied is as important as the net crop produced per acre.

Some soils take up water faster than others, and some can hold more water for crop use. Some crops need more water, while others need to have water more often. An irrigation system can be designed or reorganized to take care of how much water is applied; but, when does a crop need to be irrigated?

Water used by each kind of crop varies during crop development. The way crops respond to additional moisture or lack of moisture also varies during the development of the crop. The ideal is not is not to be able to apply a definite amount of water according to the calendar, but according to crop needs.

The soil should have sufficient moisture at planting time in the entire root zone of the crop. The depth of moisture at planting time can limit the root system and later the eventual yield of some crops. It is profitable to pre-plant all land that can be covered with the available water supply unless the soil has good moisture "all the way down". Even though part of this land may not be watered later, this can assure the equivalent of maximum dryland yields.

Waiting too long to irrigate the crop will cost the producer rather than paying a profit. He must start in time to get over the land before the crop gets past the stage that it will benefit. Watering after the crop is suffering usually gives much smaller benefits than watering in time to keep a crop growing well. It may be wise to cut back to a smaller area during the period of highest water use if the available water supply is too short to keep up with the moisture requirements of the crop.

The irrigator can best predict when to irrigate his crops by digging holes to see how much moisture is left in the soil. By the feel of the soil he can judge when the crop will need water. The crop itself will not show lack of moisture in time for much area to be irrigated. When he watches both soil and crop, each inch of water from either rainfall or irrigation can be made to give the most satisfying results and profitable returns.

A guide for daily water use from planting to maturity will aid growers to plan cultural practices within the limits of available natural or irrigated moisture. The Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District District hopes this diagram will help you make more efficient use of your irrigation water this year.

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"Agriculture is the most healthful, the most useful, and the most honorable employment of man." --George Washington.

JERRY TURRENTINE, Wildlife Biologist, is a native of Fredericksburg. He came to Hondo from Texas Tech University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management and a Master of Science degree in Range Science. In addition to assisting landowners and operators with farm and ranch planning, Jerry aids individuals who have special interests or problems in managing native and exotic wildlife.

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Nutrition is linked to deer reproduction

Deer reach sexual maturity and become potential producers before they reach maximum body size, according to Jerry Turrentine, SCS Biologist.

Bucks are usually sexually mature by the time they are 24-30 months of age. Some doe deer are sexually mature at six to eight months of age and drop fawns when only 12-14 months old. Most doe deer breed when 18 months old and usually have a single fawn the first year. Mature does usually produce twin fawns, with some triplets occuring.

The age-class composition of a deer herd influences the annual production of fawns. Mature doe deer, two years and older, produce the largest number of fawns per doe each year. However, 18-month-old deer compose the largest age group of the producing animals. Therefore, it is important to maintain good range conditions in order to achieve maximum production from this large group of young animals.

As the quality of the food supply declines (as the herd becomes overpopulated) reproductive rates decline. Reproduction studies of deer in the Edwards Plateau have shown that numerous factors are involved in this reduction. Does actually ovulate fewer eggs per heat period when on deficient diets, which results in more single fawns and less twins. The number of does carrying a fawn through pregnancy is correspondingly reduced.

While present data is not conclusive, it is suspected that females on a low nutritional diet may not come into heat at all or that cycles are not repeated as often as is the case with well-nourished does. Under-nourished does produce less milk, which leads to further fawn losses. Fawns from malnourished does were lighter than fawns from healthy does, and the mortality of these light fawns was two to three times as great as fawns from well-fed does.

The overall reproduction in the Edwards Plateau is low. In poor habitat conditions, 100 does are required to produce 68 fawns. The most important influence of poor nutrition on reproduction is the effect on the yearling age class. Nutritional demands for body growth take priority over nutritional demands for reproduction. Therefore, under poor food conditions, young growing animals do not reproduce.

Fawns born in overpopulated areas, even if they survive until weaning age, are very susceptible to malnutrition and its side effects of parasitism and disease. Fawns are usually the first to die when large scale deer losses occur. Remaining food supplies are usually out of reach for the smaller fawns.

The most serious effect on the deer herd is reduced reproductive rates, which results in a gradual reduction in the number of deer added to the herd each year.

In good habitat conditions where the nutritional quality of the deer's diet is more than adequate for body growth, reproductive rates are optimum. The reproduction from 100 does may be as high as 150 fawns. Young animals reproduce; and because of their abundance, the yearlings produce more fawns than any other age class under optimum conditions.

BRUSH CLEARING . . . in strips yields more shelter for wildlife. Cleared strips here are seeded to blue panic. [SCS Photo]

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Bermudagrass has stood the challenge of time and all other "miracle" grasses. It's still widely regarded as the best base grass in the South. Here are guidelines to help select the right variety and get peak results.

Wherever bermudagrass grows, you can hear it cursed or praised--sometimes in the same breath. Many gardeners and row croppers say it's the worst noxious weed. But thousands of Southern cattlemen call it "the best permanent summer pasture in the book".

"Bermudagrass grows on a wide range of soils and responds well to warm weather, rainfall and fertilizer," says Dr. Glenn W. Burton, renowned grass geneticist at Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. "It is best adapted south of a line connecting the southern boundaries of Virginia and Kansas."

Burton started researching forages for the South in 1936. He has played a role in developing improved bermudagrass strains and hybrids ever since. He points out that you may choose from several diverse types.

Common bermudagrass blankets the South and covers more acres than any other type. It contains many variations (ecotypes) that differ greatly in vigor, growth habit, and forage yield.

Researchers collected common specimens from 11 locations in Alabama and grew them under uniform fertility and moisture conditions at Auburn University. They compard forage yields from each ecotype for three years and found striking differences.

A selection from Opp, Alabama, averaged 8,830 pounds dry forage per year to top all entries.

The Crossville, Alabama entry finished in the middle of the pack with 7,180 pounds. Ironically, a local selection from Auburn finished last with 4,580 pounds per year.

"In our area, an acre of properly fertilized and managed common bermudagrass can supply one cow and her calf with their annual forage needs," says Dr. N. D. Morgan, cow-calf producer from Shreveport, Louisiana. He grows clover in combination with commonuses rotational grazing, and harvests hay from surplus growth not needed for grazing.

Coastal bermudagrass is well adapted throughout the South and now covers more than 10 million acres. Burton crossed a South African bermudagrass with a common selection from Tifton, Georgia to come up with this hybrid that offers nearly twice the yield potential of common. Coastal rarely produces live seed and must be propagated from sprigs or from fresh, mature clippings.

Compared with common, Coastal produces bigger stems, stolons and rhizones. Its leaves are longer but lighter green in color. Coastal offers better resistance to drouth and leaf spot diseases. It is immune to root knot nematodes. Coastal has averaged more than 6 tons of hay per acre for many years in tests at North Louisiana Hill Farm Experiment Station, where researchers give these

Frank Graff and Vernon Grunewald

management tips: Apply 80 to 120 pounds of P_2O_5 in early spring. Around April 1, apply 100 pounds of nitrogen.

Put on an additional 100 pounds of nitrogen after each cutting for hay. Make first cutting when Coastal is in "flagleaf" stage, usually around May 15. Harvest every 28 days thereafter, and cut at least four times during the growing season.

Try to save your winter feed supply from Coastal cut before July 15.

During a three-year test at the same station, yearling steers grazed Coastal, common bermuda, or Pensacola bahiagrass from April 26 to Oct. 23 each year. Coastal provided 670 animal days equivalent grazing and 583 pounds beef gain per acre. Common gave 464 animal days equivalent grazing with 455 pounds gain. Bahiagras furnished 451 animal days equivalent grazing and produced 428 pounds of beef gain. Each grass received the same fertilizer and management treatment.

"Coastal withstood drouth conditions furnished grazing much longer than the other two grasses during summer of 1969," says Dr. W. M. Oliver, animal scientist who worked with the tests.

Midland bermudagrass comes on strong north of the Coastal Belt. To get this hybrid, Burton crossed Coastal with a cold-hardy common from Indiana. In tests at Stillwater, Oklahoma, Midland outyielded common and showed other superior traits. It has survived wintes in southern Indiana and posted excellent track records under coastal climatic conditions of Maryland. Coastal outyields Midland in areas where it does not suffer loss of stands due to winterkill. But Midland is much more winter-hardy, so it introduces higher yields in northern part of the Bermuda Belt. It is taller, leafier, more disease resistant than common.

"We seem to be located in the transition zone between Coastal and Midland," says Dr. B. J. Duck, agronomist at University of Tennesse at Martin, just 12 miles from the Kentucky-Tennessee line. "First-year tests show that common yields above 70% as much as Coastal or Midland. These tests are preliminary, but it's probably a tossup between the two hybrids in our area."

Coastcross 1 bermudagrass could be a real winner on some farms. Near the Gulf of Mexico, it equals Coastal for big yields, establishes more quickly, grows faster, and can be harvested more often. It makes more growth than Coastal during fall and is 12% more digestible. It gives up to 30% better daily gains when fed to steers as chopped hay and up to 34% faster gains when grazed.

"We crossed Coastal with an outstanding selection from Kenya to come up with Coastcross 1," Burton points out. "The resulting hybrid gros taller and has broader, softer leaves than Coastal. But it produces few, if any, underground rhizomes. Thus, it winter-kills when not managed properly. Some growers have successfully grown Coastcross 1 as far north as Macon, Ga. But under unfavorable management conditions, it has winter-killed south of Tifton, Ga."

Burton gives these tips to protect established Coastcross 1 from severe injury during winter: Be sure fields receive enough fertilizer--especially potassium. Do not apply nitrogen after Aug. 15. Do not cut hay after Oct. 1. Leave some stubble to give plants protection from cold. If necessary, use insecticides to control late summer spittlebug and fall armyworm attacks.

"We do not recommend Coastcross 1 north of an isotherm passing through Macon, Ga.," Burton points out. "We are working on a new cold-hardy version of Coastcross 1 that may be ready for release in two or three years."

Greer's Alicia (Alisa) bermudagrass, licensed by Cecil Greer Grass Farms, Edna, Texas, is sold through franchised growers. Collected from Africa in 1955, it has attracted widespread interest and active promoton within the past few years. Many growers are excited about its potential.

Alicia produces big rhizomes and stems--nearly as large as a pencil in diameter. It spreads rapidly and is easily established from top growth clippings.

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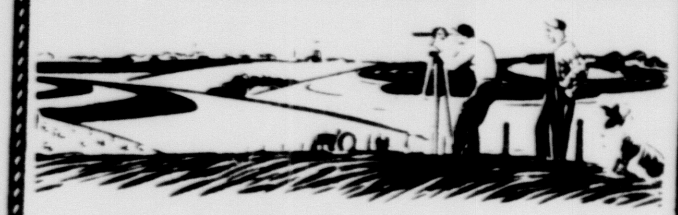

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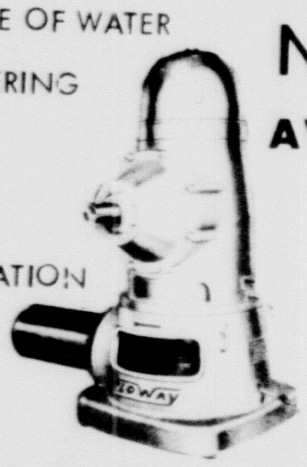

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High intensity-low frequency grazing technique proving valuable

A new grazing technique is proving valuable on Texas ranches. Increased production, reduced labor cost, easier handling of livestock and marked grassland improvement are some of the benefits. If the technique continues to be as successful as early reports indicate, it may revolutionize grassland management in the Southwest.

The new technique is called the short-duration grazing system, the high intensity-low frequency grazing system or the one herd system.

The idea is to concentrate cattle in one pasture instead of several. When the forage is grazed down, the herd is moved to the next pasture in the rotation. As a result, a pasture is intensively grazed several weeks then rested six to 10 months.

Over 150 ranchers in Texas are using the technique.

The short duration grazing system is so flexible that it can fit almost any livestock operation. It doesn't matter if some pastures are two or three times as large as other ones in the system. You merely leave the cattle in a pasture until the grass is grazed down, then you move them. That is nature's way of grazing. The buffalo roamed in herds--they would graze an area then move on.

One reason the grazing season works so well is that it permits the utilization of less desirable grasses. Under the usual continuous year long grazing, the cattle are more selective and tend to over use the more palatable plants. This not only punishes the desirable plants but it also allows the less palatable one to go largely untouched. Then when the choice grasses start regrowth, they have to compete for moisture and sunlight with plants that have been underutilized. This is a cycle that the short duration system helps break. Grass improves rapidly in a short duration grazing system because the better plants have less competition from the less desirable grasses.

The new system can help break any livestock parasite cycle that exist on the ranch. It also reduces the number of bulls needed. On the other hand individual bulls can be bred to specific cows by breaking up the herd into small, pasture size groups for a few months during the breeding season, then the entire herd can be regrouped.

It is best to harvest the grass in 60 days or less. This keeps the better grasses from being excessive periods. The grazing dates should be recorded so a pasture will not be grazed the same time each year.

A short duration grazing system works best with six or more pastures. With fewer, the grazing periods would be too long and the rest periods would be too short to be effective.

This system is not a cure all for over stocking. Only properly stocked patures should be considered for short duration grazing.

The most impressive thing about the system is the way it helps grass get better each year.

Some ranches have doubled the carrying capacity of the ranch in only 3 years by use of the short duration grazing system and no hay has been fed.

H. C. OEFINGER--is well pleased with the Gordo bluestem he planted this spring. When planted in rangeland, Gordo is normally the first grass grazed by livestock. Oefinger practices good management of livestock and rotates his stock from pasture to pasture. Good management is evident by conditon of cattle and wildlife. [SCS Photo]

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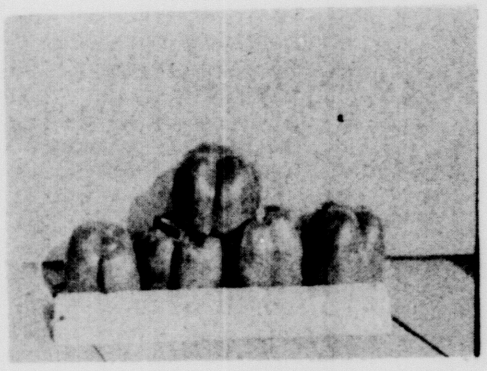

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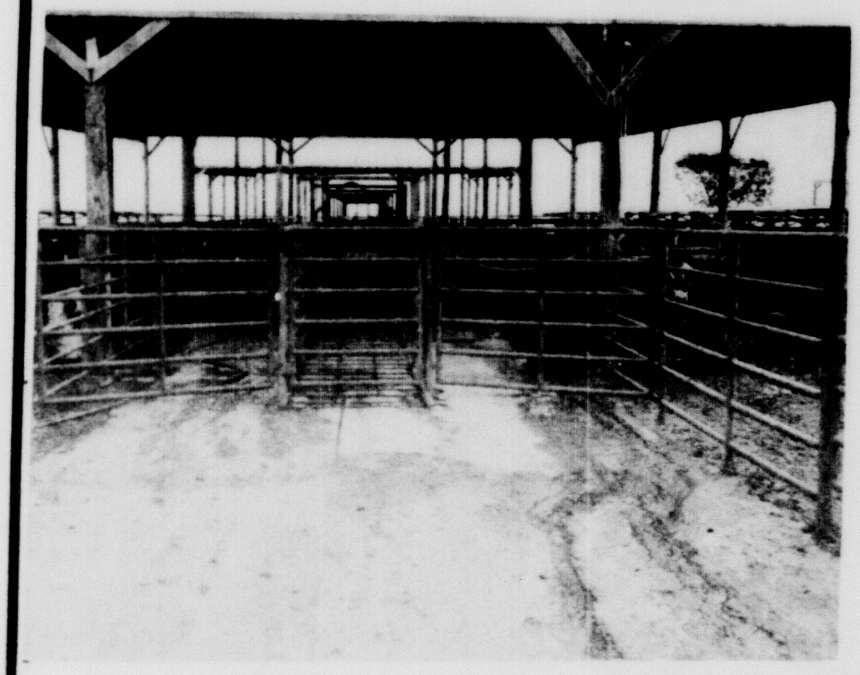

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Problems With Minimum Tillage

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Managerial Ability of Producer

Most farmers have considerable knowledge regarding crop production by conventional methods through personal experiences and through experiences of other farmers. Minimum tillage, however, is a relatively new crop production technique, and widespread experiences are not available.

Therefore, an interested producer who has no experience with minimum tillage should devote only a limited amount of his resources to minimum tillage to gain experience before he devotes all of his resources to this farming technique.

In our opinion, crop production by minimum tillage requires more precise management than production by conventional methods. The producer must acquire knowledge of how his equipment will function in a given situation, what herbicides are available for a particular weed or volunteer crop, how the herbicides fail, and what to do if insect and disease problems become severe. Because of lack of experience, producers must also be willing to assume the risks necessary to gain experience.

Once management skill is acquired, minimum tillage has proven practical and producers are accepting this new crop production technique. Over 7 million acres were cropped by minimum tillage methods in the U. S. in 1971. There were less than 1,000 acres 5 years earlier. A farmer in Kentucky has grown corn and soybeans by no-tillage method for 10 years, and is very enthused about it. Fowler, who manages the Winrock Farms near Dalhart, reported that about 3,300 acres of corn were grown by no-till methods in 1971 with yields of 192 bushels per acre for some of the sandiest land in Texas.

MINIMUM TILLAGE FARMING ... means managing residue from oats so it remains on surface of soil for protection from heavy rain and excessive heat. This gives a good mulch for the crop to follow. [SCS Photo]

Residue Management

In general, surface residues cause problems in a minimum tillage system only when improperly managed, but surface residues contribute greatly to the erosion control and soil water storage advantages ascribed to minimum tillage. Thus, maintaining crop residues on the surface in the interval between crops is an essential part of minimum tillage system. Standing residues are more effective for wind erosion control than flattened residues. Water erosion control is dependent upon the residue density at the soil-water interface, and may thus be enhanced by flattened residues. Soil water storage is dependent upon water infiltration. On many soils, rainfall striking bare surfaces causes soil dispersion and surface sealing, and so enhances infiltration. Slower evaporation of soil water also results from residue at the surface.

The benefits due to surface residues increases with corresponding increases in the residue level. However, maintaining surface residues at a level that will result in these benefits, but which will not interface with subsequent crop production operations, requires careful management; and management of the residues begins with harvesting the previous crop.

For combine-harvested crops such as wheat, grain sorghum, corn, etc., the residues should be uniformly spread on the surface to prevent bunching which would later interface with the seeding operation and possibly reduce seedling vigor. Attachments which satisfactorily spread the residues are available for most combines.

The type of equipment a farmer will need depends upon the degree of departure from the conventional system for a particular crop. Manufacturers have a wide array of equipment available that can be used in minimum tillage systems. These include sweeps, chisels, disks, harrows, planters, drills, cultivators, and others. Many special attachments and various no-tillage planters are also available.

The equipment a farmer will use depends largely upon what type he owns and what he thinks will work in his system.

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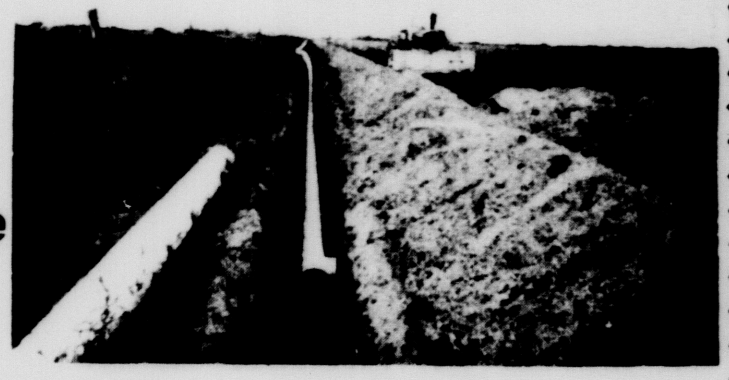

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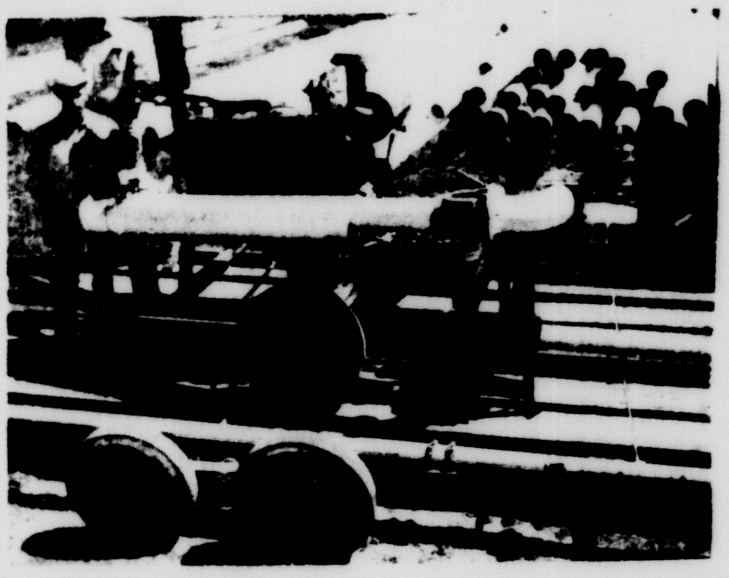

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Integrated cattle feeding could boost income

College Station -- An integrated system for feeding cattle could mean quite a bit more money in the cattleman's pocket, according to Dr. Donald Farris and Ed Williams of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The more common open market system sometimes results in higher marketing costs per head and more stress caused by transfers -- resulting in weight loss and some cases of sickness and death, the Texas A&M University System researchers said.

The integrated system, in which the whole process from the weaning age calf to slaughtering is prearranged, lowers marketing costs and cuts down on the transfers and resulting losses. The idea is to plan and organize for minimizing stress and time in the market channel.

The potential advantage of the integrated system, Farris and Williams found, came to $9 to $11 per head in savings during 1966-70. About half of that was saved marketing costs.

They developed estimates for several types of cattle. The standard was a choice steer evaluated from 350 to 1050 pound weights.

The greatest savings came from calves weaned at a light weight. The smaller animals are more sensitive to stress -- giving the integrated system the advantage.

Savings for heavy weaned calves ready to move directly to the feedlot were only one-third as much, they said.

Integrated systems in cattle operations are only a small part of the total business but appear to be becoming more popular, said the professor and former research assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. Not all producers can take advantage of this, but to the extent the industry can design its business to reduce stress and transfer charges, costs can be reduced.

Complete details of the study will be available the first of the year as a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station bulletin.

EXTRA FARM INCOME . . . can be realized by leasing fields, pastures, or ponds for dove hunting. [SCS Photo]

Quips and Quotes on Conservation

"Rapidly increasing local community interest in small watershed development throughout the country is one reflection of public insistence upon vigorous resource conservation action." --D. A. Williams, Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

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"It is fortunate that today there is a growing recognition on the part of land users and the public generally of the need to strengthen conservation in our upstream watersheds and to minimize flood damage." --Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Extension Home Economics--What's it all about?

By Gaye Bippert
Medina County Ext. Agt.

The Home Economics program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University is directed toward helping families and individuals acquire knowledge and skills to adjust to social and economic changes.

The family is still the most enduring social institution and the importance of educating members for successful family life is of prime importance.

The Family Living Committee, a sub-committee of the Program Building Committee, has the responsibility for developing the Medina County Extension home economics program. It considers the needs and interests of all audiences as it studies the total county situation relative to family living.

The members are: Chairman - Mrs Ralph Gilliam, Mrs. Geo ge Cole, Miss Mary Lop ez, all of Hondo; Mrs. Sam Zerr, Mrs. Ventura Rodriguez, Mrs. Vincente Hernandez, all of D'Hanis; Mrs. Jerry Howard, Mrs. Pete Morales, Jr., both of Devine; Mrs. Joe Hartley of Natalia; and Mrs. Felix Fuentes and Mrs. Thomas Boehme of Castroville.

There are six major areas of concern to serve as guides in planning the program. The areas are: family stability, family health and protection, managing family resources, family clothing, the housing environment, and community environment and leadership. Each year certain problem areas in the county are selected and a year's program of work is written.

The County Extension Agent - Home Economics shares the role in writing the plan and assumes leadership responsibility in implementing the program.

This year an in-depth program is planned in the housing environment. A shortcourse in Home Care and Maintenance will be offered in Hondo and Devine in the Fall and Spring. The homemakers will learn skills in repairing, plumbing, doors and windows, walls, interior and exterior painting, and fastening things to walls This shortcourse will be strengthened by news releases, newsletters and Home Demonstration programs.

The County Extension Agent also assumes responsibility in the educational program with the Commodity Food and Food Stamp Programs. Demonstrations on food preparation and buying and lessons in nutrition and meal planning will be available to the homemakers in these programs through group meetings, home visits, newsletters, handouts and news releases. At the present time a trained aide, Mrs. Aurora Aguinagua, is employed to work with the homemakers to teach them food preparation with the commodity foods.

A series of mail-outs "Be A Smart Shopper" will be sent to interested homemakers. Radio and news releases will also be used to teach good buymanship.

Investigations will be made during the year to determine the possibility of organizing a county-wide committee on aging.

Up-to-date information in textiles and family clothing will be presented during the year. Programs are planned for the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county. Information will also be sent in bi-monthly newsletters.

The County Extension Agent distributes home economics information through free Extension and USDA publications that are available in the Extension Office in During the summer many questions on food preservation can be answered by obtaining up-to-date publications.

Special attention is also given to the eleven 4-H Clubs in the county. The agent is responsible for providing leader training in the Home Economics projects (clothing, foods & nutrition, child care and home management) that is requested. This training is also available for other interested groups to participate in. Leadership is also provided for County 4-H Council and Adult Leaders Association and the over-all county 4-H program.

Home Demonstrations Clubs in Medina County also receive special attention from the county extension agent. At the present time there are four clubs in Hondo, Devine and Natalia. The purpose of these clubs is to bring together homemakers, under the guidance of the County Extension Agent, who are interested in promoting the welfare of the family, home and community. These clubs are open to anyone who is interested in joining.

The Extension program is the people's program. The services of the home economist are available to you through the combined efforts of Medina County and the Texass Agricultural Extension Service.

If you need help in the field of home economics, please feel free to call the County Extension Agent - Home Economics, Gaye Bippert, in Hondo at 426-2233 or Box 445.

"Hope rules a land forever green." "Wordsworth

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." --I Cor. 10:26.

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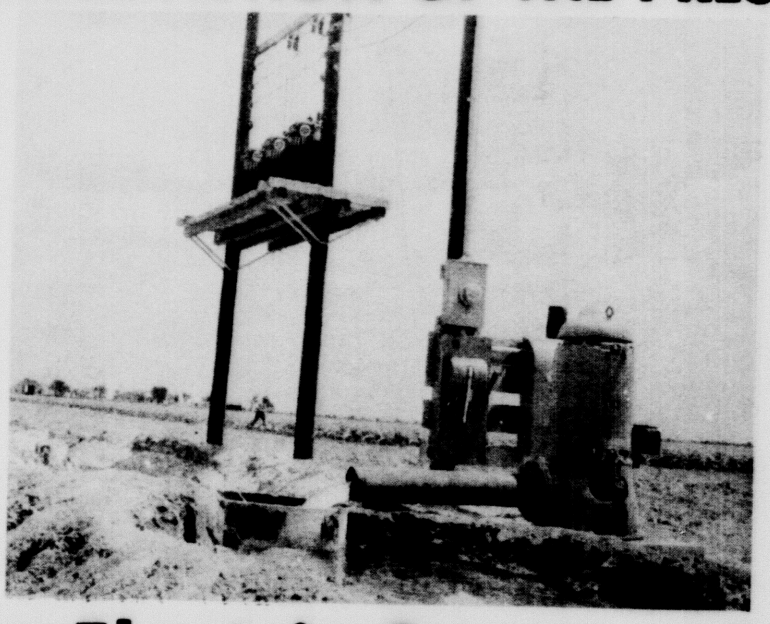

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D. B. SCHRADER ... of the Hondo SCS office in Kleingrass on Harold Moehring farm. Klein was cut three weeks earlier for seed, and is about ready for another harvest. [SCS Photo]

Manage grasses for more product

The principles of grass management can be applied to grass which is grown for livestock grazing, cut for hay or used for a beautiful lawn to aid landscaping or erosion control.

Grasses are some of the most valuable plants available to man, but they are very complex living organisms. They have very definite needs for survival and reproduction.

We mow grass and allow livestock to clip off the grass by grazing without knowing what this cutting does to the living grass. For instance if over one half of the leaf surface of a grass is removed during the growing season root growth of the grass plant is stopped for a time after each cutting. The percentage of the foliage removed by cutting or grazing,

Research has shown that a single cutting which removed 90 percent of the grass foliage results in complete root growth stoppage for 17 days and removal of 80 percent of the foliage caused complete stoppage for 12 days. When 90 percent of the leaf surface of a grass is removed 40 percent of the grass roots have not resumed growth in 33 days after cutting. If a grass plant is cut at the 90 percent level 3 times a week there is no root growth during the entire growing season.

When only 40 percent of the leaf surface is removed there is no stoppage of root growth. The balance point in the relation between top cutting and root growth stoppage is between the 40 and 50 percent clipping level.

Grass managers such as farmers and ranchers can apply this knowledge to their benefit. It takes the leaves of the grass to produce roots and it takes roots to support the grass leaves.

It is easy to see that when the grass roots stop growing the top growth can not continue at high productive rate.

By manipulating livestock grazing and moving livestock from one pasture to another before more than 50 percent of the leaf surface of the grass has been removed by grazing livestock, the forage production of the pastures can be increased. Grass lawns can be made more beautiful by not mowing too short or too frequently.

One of the major functions of grass roots is to transport water from soil to the leaves where it is used in growth and reproduction. Grass with an extensive root system can extract more water from dryer soil than grass with a short root system. Grass with a strong root system can extract water from dryer soil than grass with a short root system. Grass with a strong healthy root system can extract water from the soil when grass that is heavily grazed or closely cut is in a drought condition.

Farmers and ranchers who use grass to produce livestock should avail themselves to every source of information on grass growth and grass management. Grasses can be managed to make them more productive, more drought resistant and more efficient in their use of water and plant nutrients.

USDA shows rural plans

Rural and small town people are increasingly turning to the development of their community or area as a way of making possible otherwise unattainable quality characteristics in their everyday life.

"And with State and local people in the driver's seat, a Federal action program is being launched to help them make the most of what development has to offer." That from Will Erwin, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Speaking before the first nationwide school for rural development leaders, Erwin said, "This is New Federalism. It means helping people help themselves. Assistance will be largely in the form of self-liquidating loans and providing technical practical know-how.

"Putting action in the Federal rural development program was made possible by passage of the Rural Development Act of 1972. This landmark legislation, recommended by President Nixon, gives Federal recognition to the fact that the well-being of rural America requires more than adequate farm income.

"Rural development is aimed at enriching the quality of life in rural America, and an indirect result is increasing the tax and job base of an area. It stimulates the economy and otherwise makes possible activities, services and facilities which contribute to 'the full good life'.

"One great advantage of countryside development is curbing the continuing widespread family-scattering which occurs when rural people must migrate to distant cities in search of work. Such scattering has involved over 25 million rural Americans since World War II. And this has sapped at the vitality of community and family ties and has weakened the benefits of neighborhood togetherness.

"Rural development," Erwin continued, "involves four categories -- community facilities, economic development, people building, and improvement of the environment."

Community facilities include such basics as water, sewers, and industrial paks. Loans are available from the Farmers Home Administration for these purposes.

Economic development fosters creation of business, industry and jobs; and, along with agricultural prosperity, improves the quality of rural life. Local lenders are encouraged to make loans for this purpose. But FHA will protect the lender against 90% of his losses on approved loans.

People building is the most important ingredient in the rural development process. And the U.S. Department of Agriculture has much experience in this vital area.

The enhancement of the quality of the environment is the most pressing development ingredient. It involves the necessity of planning if the disadvantages of 'hit-or-miss, slipshod' development are to be avoided.

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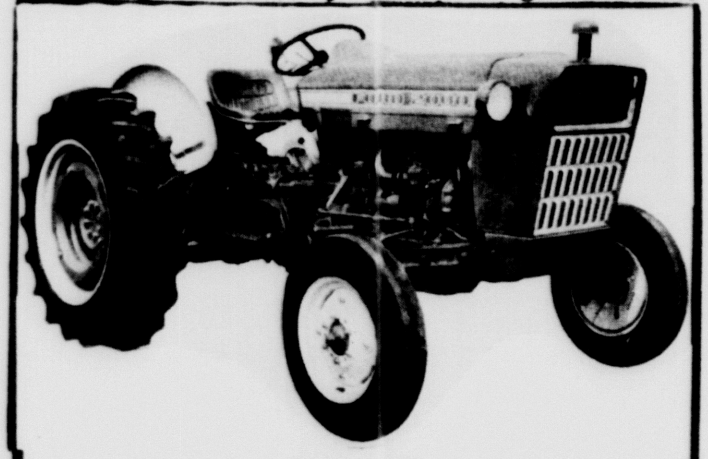

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Creed of the Soil Conservationist

I believe God created the earth by His divine processes for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind, regardless of race or creed, is entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with his own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his fields, pastures, woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest, and so shall his descendants, while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow man realize his own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of others who use the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.

FLOOD DAMAGE IN D'HANIS . . . in 1958 shown here has been repeated twice since this photo was taken. Notice water line on house. The water was 6.8 feet deep here. People lost most of their household furniture and bedding. [Photo by E. L. Abbott]

SECO WATERSHED DAMAGE IN 1971 . . . was heavy when floodwaters left the banks of the Seco Creek and came across fields like this one on the L. S. Mollere place south of D'Hanis. [USDA -SCS Photo]

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